

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON SWINE

SUBJECT MATTER: Establish National Standardized Permitting Guidance for Facilities Associated with Licensed Swine Dealers, Including but not Limited to Buying Stations, Prior to a Foreign Animal Disease outbreak

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Developing national standardized permitting requirements during a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak will be difficult to achieve and will take a considerable amount of time. Time at the beginning of an outbreak will be needed to manage the disease response and not to develop protocols. It is imperative that producers, state regulatory officials, and federal regulatory officials work together, prior to an FAD outbreak to establish the core principles of the testing and permitting requirements. It is understood that permitting is done at the state animal health official level and can vary, but it is to all stakeholders' benefit and responsibility to create consistency and transparency.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) publish the attached documents listed below, similar to previously published draft permits, on the USDA-APHIS-VS web page:

1. "Cull Pigs Moving directly from Facilities Associated with Licensed Swine Dealers, including but not limited to Buying Stations, in a Control Zone to Slaughter – All-in/all-out Movements."
2. "Cull Pigs Moving directly from Facilities Associated with Licensed Swine Dealers, including but not limited to Buying Stations, in a Control Zone to Slaughter – Continued Movements In/Out."

FINAL RESPONSE:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the concerns of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

APHIS appreciates the proactive and collaborative work to develop the drafted permitting guidance and concurs with the recommendation. This guidance has been posted, alongside the existing African swine fever (ASF) response materials and drafted permits, on the USDA-APHIS-VS ASF Response and Policy webpage (<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-emergencies/asf>). APHIS will continue to work with the USAHA Swine Committee and additional subject matter experts to regularly review guidance for the different categories of swine production in a Control Area to ensure it incorporates updated information as it becomes available.