



# R&D Snapshot

## Alternate risk-based inspection procedures for pork

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**Purpose:**

- To review the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption for post-mortem inspection procedures and disposition judgements for pork using Codex risk assessment guidelines

**Take home messages:**

- To review the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption for post-mortem inspection procedures and disposition judgements for pork using Codex risk assessment guidelines
- Alternate or reduced inspection procedures may now be more appropriate to reflect improved animal health status of Australian livestock, pre-slaughter arrangements in place and cross contamination that may occur from current inspection procedures
- A total of five risk-based submissions for pork have been provided for approval to the Australian Meat Regulators Group – two of these (for melanoma and septic pneumonia) have been formally approved
- The process going forward to enable approved changes to the Australian Standard to be implemented is now being discussed by State and Commonwealth regulators together with industry.

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