

MEETING REPORT

African Swine Fever Stakeholder Teleconference

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Item #	Item Name	Discussion summary	Major outcomes, recommendations, actions
1	Welcome (APL CEO)	Margo Andrae opened the teleconference at 10:00am.	
2	Industry Update - APL	<p>Ms Andrae provided an industry update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No ASF in Australia at present. - Noted that a traveller to Australia was detained for bringing pork into Australia, fined and returned to Vietnam. Industry supports the raised awareness and activities at border entry points and the swift application of penalties to raise biosecurity awareness and send clear message to travellers and Australian residents of the seriousness of the biosecurity risk. - Ms Andrae expressed industries support and appreciation for the level of co-ordination and preparedness activities across all jurisdictions by the Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs) and government departments. Importantly the engagement with both industry and all stakeholders. <p>Industry commends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fast tracking of the ASF AUSVETPLAN review, - Review of the Valuation and compensation AUSVETPLAN. 	Ms Andrae encourages all stakeholders to participate in the state ASF workshops which have commenced.
3	Chief Veterinary Officers	<p>Dr Mary Carr (SA CVO) provided an overview of CVO ASF task force activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CVO teleconference held last week focusing on the content and co-ordination of responses and associated communications, notably commonality across jurisdictions. - ASF scenarios in various states and territories have been conducted to identify issues/policy gaps that may emerge under various circumstances. - To be followed with contingency plans/actions to address the identified issues, according to matters with common coverage. - CVO understanding that there will be uncertainties based on any given situation. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported response directives (for instance “in this circumstance” briefing) to maintain adaptability, based on situations that emerge and the known information at the time. - CVOs are meeting next week to continue preparedness. 	
	Operational Perspective	<p>Peter Spackman met with Dr Michelle Rodan (WA CVO) to consider on farm and processor scenarios that could emerge with an ASF outbreak. Issues have been identified for contingency planning by scenario.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> first detection of ASF at a processing plant. Identified risks and flow on concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross contamination of properties through shared transport. - Abattoir contamination disruption to product processing whilst disinfection activities take place. - Impact on farms whilst processing plants unable to process. - Recall & destruction implications for export product. - Consumer concerns for product on shelves and disruption to supply. - Disposal of affected livestock – number of pigs likely to be affected; approved disposal sites and accessibility of these; size of burial pits required; euthanasia requirements; quarantine restrictions; environmental and animal welfare implications. - Impact for farmers without ASF outbreaks who are impacted – increased stock levels, transport, feed requirements, animal welfare, cost implications. 	
4	Government Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Narelle Clegg from the federal Department of Agriculture, advised that there is a new ASF page on the Department’s website, that provides information on compliance, testing, preparedness activities, outcomes of the Roundtable meeting, what is being done to support market access and statistics related to border control activities. - A Consultative Committee Emergency Animal Disease (CCEAD) training meeting will be scheduled in early November to review the practical application of outbreak scenarios as identified in industry-CVO discussions, including reviewing: issues emerging at various stages of an outbreak (eg day 1 forwards): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relationships with trading partners, - Time to get abattoirs up and running following a quarantine; animal welfare; and environmental issues. - A Government Workshop is planned for June 2020 - this timing provides time to work through responses to various scenarios. Covering issues as outlined. 	

5	Animal Health Australia	<p>Dr Samantha Allen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flagged the AUSVET Plan to be ready by the 22nd November. This will outline details such as roles and responsibilities in responding to an ASF incursion. - Noted both the AHA and APL websites have information on ASF available for stakeholders. - Noted that there is an ASF awareness campaign about to be launched in the Northern Territory. 	
6	Next Call	The next teleconference will be held on Friday 25 October at 10am. Details will be circulated by APL.	