

# MEETING REPORT

## African swine fever stakeholder teleconference

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<b>Committee:</b>	African Swine Fever Stakeholder Weekly update
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Friday 20 December 2019

Item #	Item Name	ASF preparedness update	Major outcomes, recommendations, actions
1	<b>Australian Pork Limited</b> <b>Ms Margo Andrae</b>	<p>Australia remains ASF free.</p> <p>Indonesia has confirmed that it has detected ASF in North Sumatra and is investigating pig deaths in some other provinces.</p> <p>Minister for Agriculture, Bridget McKenzie, announced the Australian Government has already raised the risk status of flights from Indonesia and is increasing screening, interventions and scrutiny of travellers in line with the procedures we use to manage flights arriving from other ASF affected countries. On a weekly basis there are about 188 flights from Indonesia direct into Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Cairns, Perth, Adelaide and Darwin. Minister McKenzie has appealed to Australians travelling overseas on holidays to Bali (or elsewhere in Indonesia) to be extra diligent about declaring what they're bringing back and to clean shoes and any other outdoor equipment. Failure to declare could result in criminal prosecution or civil court action and consequential fines up to \$420,000 and be sentenced to up to 10 years in jail.</p> <p>The recent biosecurity funding announcement of \$66.6M will assist to mitigate the threat posed to Australia by ASF.</p> <p>The Chief Veterinary Officer/Industry ASF taskforce met on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec to review all disease response activities and requirements. Work is continuing on AUSVETPLAN, and outputs from working groups will assist with disease preparedness.</p> <p>Several ASF focused producer meetings will be held in early 2020.</p> <p>APL would like to thank Deb Kerr, after 6 years at APL she has resigned and is exploring new opportunities, we wish her all the best in her new endeavors. Please</p>	

		contact the APL Policy team if you have any policy enquiries.	
2	<b>Department of Agriculture update (included Animal Health Committee update)</b>	<p>Further updates on key outcomes from the Department of Agriculture African swine fever simulation exercises (Exercise Razorback) will be provided in due course.</p> <p>Animal Health Committee (AHC) met on 16<sup>th</sup> December and discussed outputs from the ASF Taskforce working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational control for processor/product recalls;</li> <li>• Movement control and restrictions;</li> <li>• Destruction, disposal and decontamination; and</li> <li>• Zoning and compartmentalisation.</li> </ul> <p>Other topics discussed at AHC included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practicality of feral pig heat maps to identify hot spots for feral pigs;</li> <li>• Contact with the Pet pig association to highlight the risk of ASF and meat free feed;</li> <li>• Strengthening of the NSW Biosecurity Act by tightening legislation;</li> <li>• Focusing on small holder identification and waste facilities in Qld; and</li> <li>• Training of district veterinary officers in Vic/NSW on the practical destruction of pigs.</li> </ul> <p>International update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand undertook border force preparedness activities on 10<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>• Australian survey team visited Papua New Guinea to provide support and capacity building for use of the Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) test to assist with early ASF detection.</li> <li>• ASF situation in Timor-Leste is likely to experience an increase in mortality rates, with small villages reporting 50-75% loss (approximately 400 pigs) over two months. Small holder practices such as letting pigs out to roam for food, particularly in the wet season was likely to have contributed to the spread and limited resources for ASF detection was likely to have delayed reporting.</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Industry forum</b>	<p>Industry question: Further clarification on the actions taken by regulators to guarantee no ASF virus is imported via feed, nutritional or antimicrobial ingredients.</p> <p>Response: The Department of Agriculture has a well-developed import permit assessment process and risk management measures (import conditions) for stockfeeds and stockfeed additives that take into consideration a range of significant animal pathogens of biosecurity concern, including ASF virus. Treatments include rigorous thermal processing and pre and post-processing contamination controls.</p> <p>Following the recent spread of ASF into Europe and China, the risk management measures that apply to stockfeed and stockfeed additives were reviewed and</p>	

		the department determined they adequately manage the risk of ASF. The department continues to review them on an ongoing basis, to ensure they manage the risk within Australia's ALOP.	
4	<b>Next report</b>	The weekly report will continue to be scheduled whilst stakeholders have concerns and continued interest in the activities underway and will be reviewed mid January. The next report will be distributed on Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020.	All stakeholders are welcome to continue sending through or asking questions, or raising their concerns with both Ms Margo Andrae or Dr Lechelle van Breda.