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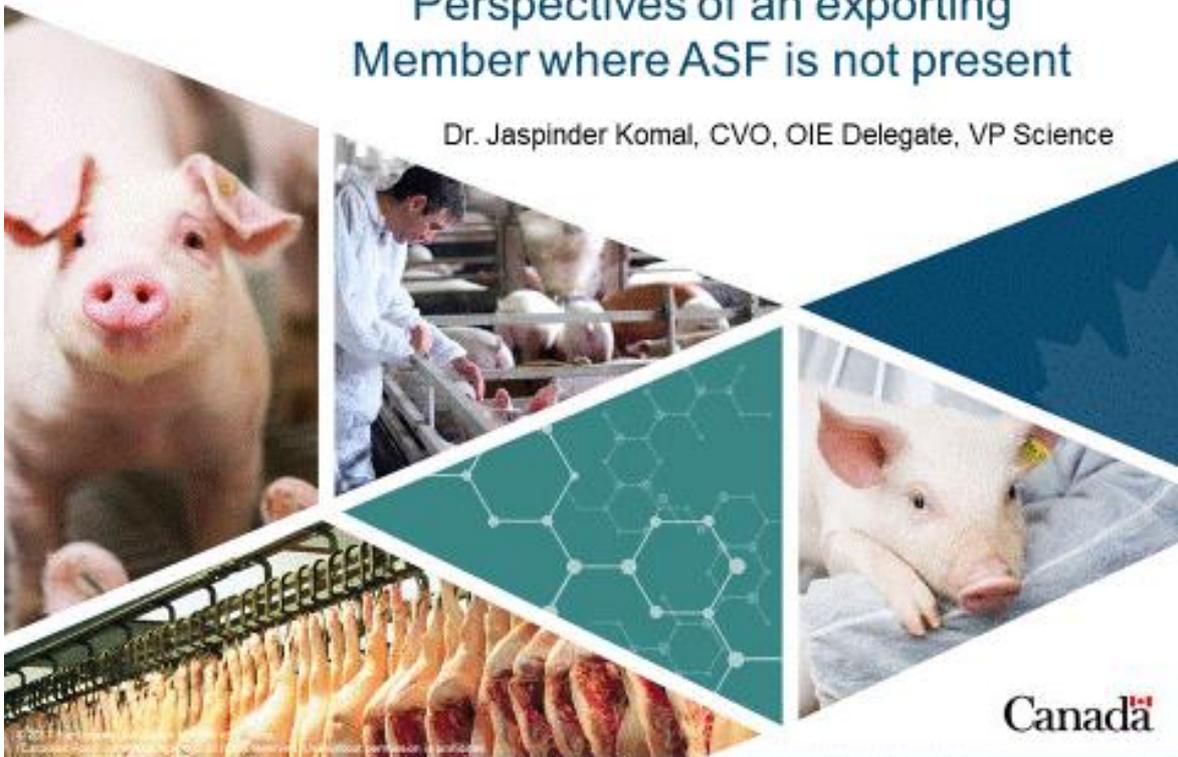
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Perspectives of an exporting Member where ASF is not present

Dr. Jaspinder Komal, CVO, OIE Delegate, VP Science



Canada

Why is Canada concerned about ASF?

Top 3 Markets for Canadian Pork

U.S.



Japan



China



- The Canadian pork industry generates \$24 billion CAD in GDP and 103,000 jobs throughout the supply chain.
- Canada exports 70% of its hog production; (including live pigs, germplasm and pork/ pork products).
- In 2020, the Canadian pork industry exported 1.4 million tonnes valued just over \$5 billion CAD to 93 export markets.

*One positive case in Canada would stop **all** hog and pork exports immediately; markets could take months to years to reopen.*

Preparing for ASF and the importance of zoning

- At the ASF Forum held in Canada in 2019, we devised a framework of actions to prevent entry and mitigate the impacts.
- Four pillars were identified which included Preparedness Planning, Enhanced Biosecurity, Business Continuity and Communications.
- Zoning is a key component of the business continuity planning strategy.
- With the wide geographic distribution of our commercial swine industry, zoning is a critical tool to ensure a detection in one part of the country does not affect the rest.



Canada's Commercial Swine Industry



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The use of zoning and zoning agreements

- The Okanagan Valley in British Columbia was an internationally accepted zone, excluded for the purposes of Bluetongue, for trade with Canada in 1988.
- This was the first example of regionalization/zoning accepted by the European Union.
- Canada has used zoning for Brucellosis and Tuberculosis control and eradication.
- Canada used zoning for trade in the 2004 and 2014 Avian Influenza outbreaks in British Columbia.
- Canada has used zoning in the Aquatic sector.

Figure 3 - Map showing the Primary Control Zone in the HPAI outbreak in BC, 2014



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The use of zoning and zoning agreements for ASF

- For ASF, we have built upon existing, reciprocal arrangements with key trading partners to facilitate the recognition of zones.
- Canada and the US have a zoning arrangement whereby each country agrees to recognize each others' zones for highly contagious Foreign Animal Diseases.
- A similar agreement is in place with the EU, and additional zoning agreements have been initiated with major trading partners.
- Other increased border controls include mitigation measures for feed grains imported from ASF positive countries, and increased numbers of detector dogs at airports and ports.

Canada, United States agree on application of zones to allow safe trade in the event of an African swine fever outbreak

From: Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Statement

May 22, 2019 - Ottawa, Ontario

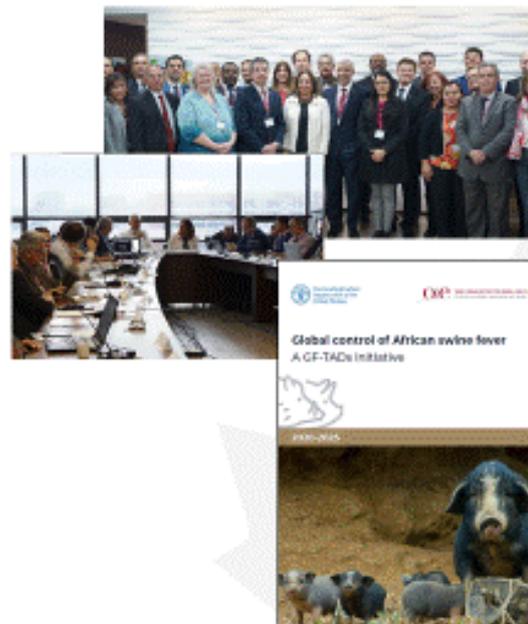
Today, Canada's Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Dr. Joopinder Kaur, working in collaboration with the United States' CVO, Dr. Jack Shere, issued the following statement:

"We are pleased to announce that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have agreed to allow safe trade to continue in the event African swine fever (ASF) is reported in either country.

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Leadership and collaboration

- Canada holds the presidency of the Regional Steering Committee for Global Framework-Transboundary Animal Disease (GF-TAD) for the Americas and is chair of the Standing Group of Experts (SGE) on ASF.
- To date the SGE has tackled topics concerning prevention of entry such as border controls, risk assessment, and risk communications.
- The next meeting of the SGE will focus on business continuity including zoning.
- Canada has contributed to the global GF-TAD initiative on ASF through financial support for the secretariat at regional and global levels through the OIE World Fund.



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Concluding remarks

- Zoning is a critical tool to facilitate continued safe trade, ensure food security, while controlling the spread of disease in domestic and wild swine.
- Veterinary services must be supported to address the threat of ASF regardless of their current disease status.
- The global community needs to work together to optimize tools for early detection, controls at ports of entry, strategies for depopulation and disposal, and the effective implementation of standards to facilitate safe trade.

Rapid highly-sensitive on-site detection of ASF using non-invasive technique would be highly beneficial for disease control during an outbreak and field monitoring.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

ANNEX 1

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER FORUM
FORUM DE LA PESTE PORCINE AFRICAINE
FORO DE LA PESTE PORCINA AFRICANA
(10 April and 10th - 11th May 2019)
OTTAWA, CANADA

REVISED FRAMEWORK FOR THE PREVENTION & CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

OBJECTIVE: To prevent entry and mitigate the impacts of ASF in the Americas

FOUR PILLARS FOR ACTION BASED ON A FOUNDATION OF SCIENCE

<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: left; padding-left: 5px;"> <p>PREPAREDNESS PLANNING 1</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;"><i>Expected outcomes: Countries have a high level of readiness to swiftly control ASF should it enter the Americas region.</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: left; padding-left: 5px;"> <p>ENHANCED BIOSECURITY 2</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;"><i>Expected outcomes: Key biosecurity measures are in place to prevent the entry of ASF into the domestic and wild pig populations of the Americas, and mitigate its spread within those populations.</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: left; padding-left: 5px;"> <p>ENSURE BUSINESS CONTINUITY 3</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;"><i>Expected outcomes: Mitigate the trade impacts of ASF on the swine sector, both nationally and internationally, while controlling and eradicating the disease.</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: left; padding-left: 5px;"> <p>COORDINATED RISK COMMUNICATIONS 4</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;"><i>Expected outcomes: Effective risk communication on ASF with target audiences to encourage informed decision making, behaviour modifications, and trust in governments and industry.</i></p>
<p>AREAS FOR ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase readiness by validating ASF preparedness plans and testing response capabilities through exercise involving all stakeholders. Find solutions to deficiencies in ASF response capabilities and planning gaps. Optimize capital ASF detection in the Americas by ensuring capacity for surveillance. Develop the appropriate process and capacity for rapid risk assessment to identify risks to ASF and inform policy decisions in various sectors. Continue to collaborate internationally on critical ASF research with particular attention to the development of vaccines and other tools to prevent or respond to an ASF outbreak. 	<p>AREAS FOR ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key threats, gaps, and best practices in national border biosecurity, including establishment of appropriate level of activity, informed by risk assessment. Establish robust collaborations to ensure border authorities share intelligence and best practices to mitigate the entry. Provide collaboration and compliance to address biosecurity ensuring responsibilities of all stakeholders are identified. Involves stakeholders in government, industry, and academia to gain an understanding of the wild pig populations and share best management practices at borders and the interface with domestic pigs. 	<p>AREAS FOR ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure risk-based movements of animals and animal products domestically to keep industry viable in the face of an outbreak. To provide guidance and technical support for the development of concrete standards for game establishments to gain wider acceptance. Proactively negotiate the recognition of zoning approaches with trading partners to reduce impediment to trade. Work with international partners and the OIE to develop globally recognized and accepted guidance on the application of compensation/relief for ASF to gain wider acceptance both in select and uninfected countries. 	<p>AREAS FOR ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a consistent approach and strategies to communicate risks, adapted to the specific needs and circumstances, including disease status, of various countries. Identify or develop platforms and mechanisms for ongoing coordination of messaging and for sharing of communications-related information between countries. Establish mechanisms for monitoring public reaction to ASF to assess information needs and social media is available. Develop consultation protocols to update partners on developments.
<p>PARTNERSHIPS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Leverage existing partnerships or build new ones to engage stakeholders in areas which require collaboration to attain objectives and response solutions to manage ASF. Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the partners in accordance with their respective mandates.</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Optimize the potential of existing governance mechanisms at international, regional, sub-regional and national levels to ensure effective coordination and co-operation among all parties to implement appropriate measures to achieve common objectives for the prevention and control of ASF.</p>		

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