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Resolutions to be Considered at HOD 2024

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Proposed Updates to Program Standards

Definition: Program Standards: Requirements to be met or exceeded by enrolled producers and slaughter facilities to be certified in US SHIP.

Approval of Program Standards requires super-majority (2/3) vote by the US SHIP HOD.

The current US SHIP Program Standards are available on the US SHIP website under Documents (usswinehealthimprovementplan.com).

SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP Sampling & Testing Working Group

SUBJECT MATTER: Inclusion of Site Name, Premises Identification Numbers (PIN) and State on US SHIP Qualifying Submissions to NAHLN Labs

PROPOSED STANDARD:

The Site Name, Premises Identification Number (PIN), and State where the animals being tested are located are required to be included on US SHIP Qualifying Submissions made to veterinary diagnostic labs.

Definitions associated with this Proposed Standard:

US SHIP Qualifying Submissions for the ASF/CSF Monitored Certification:

Risk Level 1 (Peacetime):

- Case compatible (sick pig) submissions¹

Risk Level 2 and Risk Level 3 (In event of an introduction of ASF/CSF into US):

- Case compatible (sick pig) submissions¹
- All submissions made for meeting the testing requirements to maintain the ASF/CSF Monitored certification.

¹**Case-compatible submissions:** These are case submissions being made to veterinary diagnostic labs to identify the cause of clinically ill swine or increased mortality on swine farms that include the following:

- Adequate case history of the clinical observations of the clinical disease and/or increased mortality being observed.

and

- One or more of the appropriate samples types (i.e., Spleen or Spleen Pulp Swabs, Tonsil, Lymph Node, or Whole Blood or Blood Swab) taken from the clinically affected animal(s) being evaluated.

Note: The veterinary diagnostic lab (i.e., lab in the USDA’s National Animal Health Lab Network) will assess the clinical case history and specimens provided to determine inclusion in the USDA ASF CSF Active Surveillance of case-compatible (sick pig) submissions to veterinary diagnostic labs.

Background/Reason:

The *Site Name*, *Premises Identification Number (PIN)*, and *State* where the animals being tested are located are the baseline minimum of premises-level demographic information needed to be included in the submissions to veterinary diagnostic labs for the ASF/CSF PCR test results associated with the ASF/CSF Monitored Certification to be duly captured, recognized, and made available to the appropriate US SHIP Official State Agency (OSA).

Baseline premises level demographic information required in diagnostic submissions:

Premises Identification Number (PIN) = Is the unique premises level identifier being used across the entirety of the US SHIP program and is required for identifying the resulting ASF/CSF test results as being derived from a US SHIP participating premises.

State: Enables the routing of the ASF/CSF test results derived from participating premises to the appropriate US SHIP OSA.

Site Name: Provides the US SHIP OSA a secondary, human readable, and more intuitive means for understanding the premises in which the samples were derived.

Additional Notes:

1. Incorporating these three baseline premises level identifiers inclusion in the submissions to veterinary diagnostic labs as program standard is fully aligned with the updated Program Administrative Standard entitled “Incorporating Use of USDA ASF/CSF Active Surveillance of Case Compatible Submissions to Veterinary Diagnostic Labs Into the US SHIP ASF/CSF Monitored Certification Program” that was passed at the 2023 US SHIP HOD.
2. This proposed program standard would be useful in helping raise producer, practitioner, and diagnostician awareness of and participation in the “USDA ASF/CSF Active Surveillance of Case Compatible Submissions to Veterinary Diagnostic Labs” surveillance stream.
3. This proposed program standard (related to submissions within the scope of the US SHIP ASF/CSF Monitored Certification) will be useful toward enhancing the adoption of practices, methods, and systems used for including this critically important premises level demographic information when making submissions to veterinary diagnostic labs. Establishing such best practices as a component of day-to-day operations in peacetime is the most critical component for truly enhancing emergency or foreign animal disease preparedness.
4. SAHO’s & OSA’s: “Submission Level Identifiers” (e.g., Veterinarian, Veterinary Clinic, Animal Owner or Managing Entity Name) and “Premises Level Identifiers” (site name, site address, & PIN) and “Animal or Sample Level Identifiers” that are received with the submission record to the veterinary diagnostic labs are also included in the resulting ASF/CSF test records made available to the appropriate US SHIP OSA & SAHO.

SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP General Conference Committee

SUBJECT MATTER: US SHIP Official State Agencies (US SHIP OSA) requirement to report and keep the status of the US SHIP certifications held by the participating sites current in the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.

PROPOSED STANDARD:

The status of the US SHIP health status certifications held by participating premises are as reported to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database from the US SHIP Official State Agencies.

US SHIP Official State Agencies are to report the current (most up to date) status of the US SHIP certifications held by the participating sites in their respective state to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.

Data elements to be reported to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database:

- Premises Identification Number (PIN)
- State: the state where the Premise is located
- US SHIP ASF Monitored status: Monitored Free, Certification Expired, or Inactive
- US SHIP CSF Monitored status: Monitored Free, Certification Expired, or Inactive

Premises not reported to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database are not recognized as holding a US SHIP health status certification.

Background/Reason:

This item is being brought forward as a Program Standard to facilitate discussion and clarify this requirement for the US SHIP OSAs to report the status of the US SHIP health status certifications held by the participating premises in their respective state to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.

The US SHIP Site Status Verification Database is a built for purpose database application that provides a simplistic means for maintaining the current and officially recognized status of the US SHIP certifications held by the participating sites from across the US (**Addendum 1**).

As described in this proposed program standard, only a minimum set of data fields are to be reported by the US SHIP Official State Agencies (OSAs) to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database. All of the more detailed participant and premises level specific identifiers (e.g., names, addresses, locations, etc.) remain with the respective US SHIP OSA and ***are not*** reported to or contained in the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.

The US SHIP Site Status Verification Database application was developed in 2023, stemming from an action item (program development need) discussed at the US SHIP 2022 HOD, and is currently being onboarded for use on a State-by-State basis.

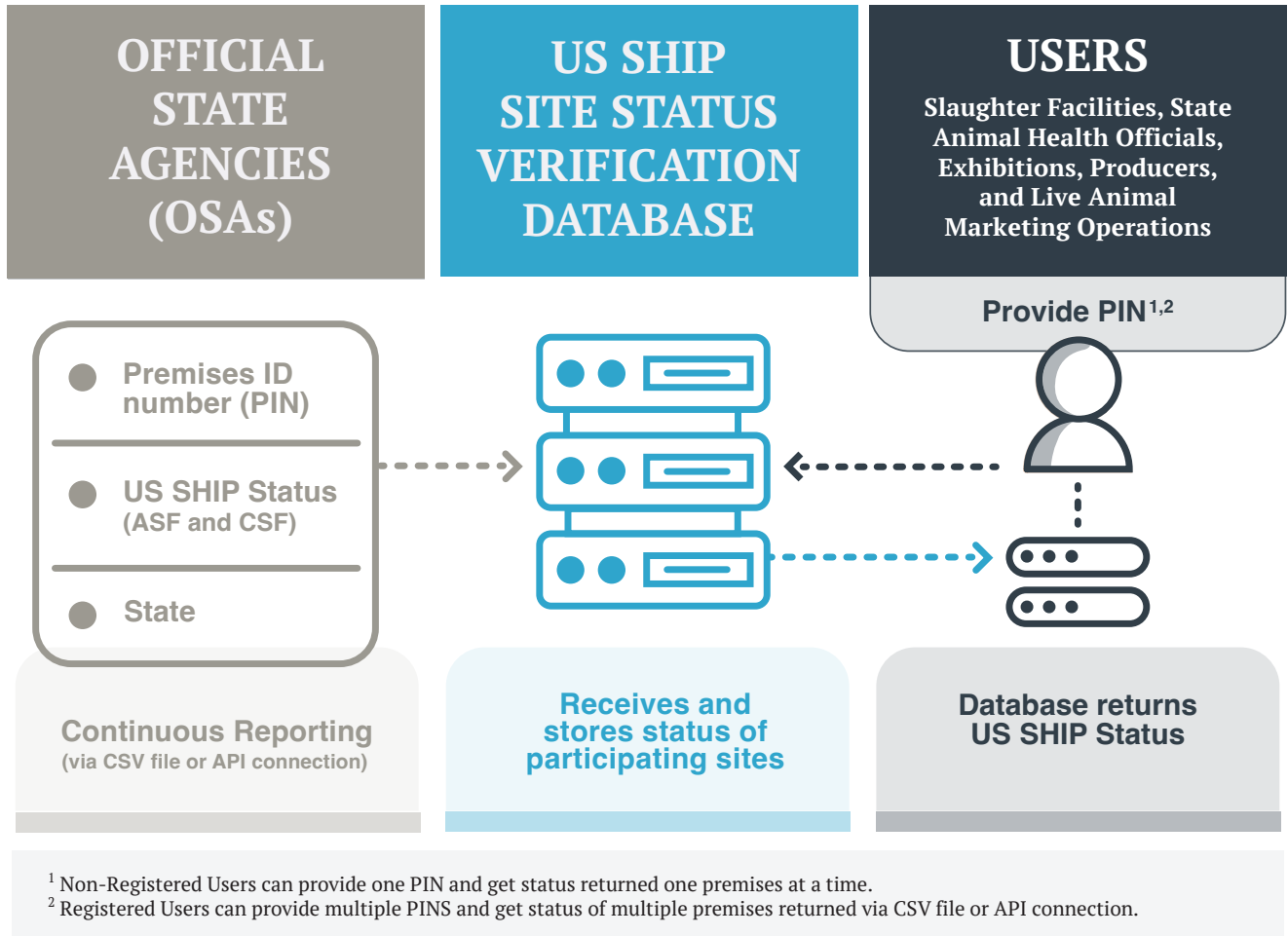
The US SHIP HOD resolution 2023-5 requested to explore alternative approaches of how US SHIP OSAs could report the status of participating premises in the states that have a state-based statute that was not allowing them to report such information to a third-party database application. Two alternative approaches were identified as solutions and are now being used by OSAs to report the status of the US SHIP health status certifications held by participating premises. The two additional (alternative) approaches for OSAs are:

- a. A legal agreement can be established between the US SHIP OSA and Iowa State University, which **currently** houses the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database. Iowa is an example of a state that took advantage of this approach.
- b. Add a check box in the US SHIP enrollment form giving US SHIP OSA permission to report the participant sites (premise ID) and the status of the US SHIP health status certifications held. Kansas is an example of a state using this approach.
 - Based on interaction with US SHIP OSAs the US SHIP Program Administration suggests the following language to be included as a check box on US SHIP enrollment forms:
 - “As a US SHIP participant, I hereby grant permission for the US SHIP OSA to share the PIN(s) and status of US SHIP health status certifications for the premises of which I have enrolled to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.”

ADDENDUM 1

The basic workings and use of the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database are pictorialized and described below.

US SHIP Site Status Verification Database Application



The US SHIP Site Status Verification Database provides end-users a simplistic means to verify the status of the US SHIP certifications held by participating premises.

End users simply provide the Premises Identification Number (PIN) of the premises in question, and the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database application returns the status of the US SHIP certifications held by that premises.

End users and use cases of the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database include:

- State Animal Health officials can use to verify status of the US SHIP certifications held by premises moving pigs into their state for further breeding, growing, or exhibition.
- Slaughter facilities can use to verify the status of the US SHIP certifications held by the premises supplying pigs to their facility to be harvested.
- Exhibitions can use to verify the status of the US SHIP certifications held by the premises pigs are being exhibited/shown.
- Live animal marketing operations channels can use to verify the status of the US SHIP certifications held by the premises supplying pigs to their facility.
- Producers can use to verify the status of the US SHIP certifications held by either their own premises or the premises of pigs of which they are purchasing or otherwise receiving pigs from third parties.

Key Point of Functionality the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database application for

End Users = End users query the database via providing the PIN of the premises in question, and the database application simply returns the current status of the US SHIP certifications held by the premises (PIN) in question.

The US SHIP Site Status Verification Database application is a built for purpose database application that is readily compatible with and independent of, whatever software/database application or other means the US SHIP OSAs from across the country are using to house the participant/premises specific information and manage the workings of the US SHIP OSA in their respective state.

The US SHIP OSAs are the only entities permissioned to report the status of the US SHIP certifications held by the participants in their respective state to the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.

The US SHIP Program Administration is responsible for managing the services provided by the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.

The US SHIP Site Status Verification Database is currently being housed and maintained within the information technology infrastructure used to support the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP General Conference Committee

SUBJECT MATTER: US SHIP House of Delegates voting delegate allocation of At-Large Breeding Herd and Growing Pig Delegates based upon *certification* (vs enrollment) beginning in 2025.

PROPOSED STANDARD:

Proposed Update To Existing US SHIP Program Governance Standard:

Current:

The pool of At-large delegates is allocated to states as a percentage of all Breeding Swine and Growing Pigs (respectively) *enrolled* in US SHIP that are located in a given state.

Proposed Update: (To become effective for 2025 US SHIP HOD)

The pool of At-large delegates is allocated to states as a percentage of all Breeding Swine and Growing Pigs (respectively) *certified* in US SHIP that are located in a given state.

Background:

The US SHIP voting delegate allocation is a formula-based approach using a combination of a baseline allocation of delegates to all participating states as well as the generation of a pool of At-Large Breeding Herd and Growing Pig Delegates.

During the current start-up phase of US SHIP, the At-large delegate allocation has been based on enrollment, as the US SHIP Official State Agencies have been at various stages of beginning to certify the participants in their respective states.

US SHIP is a program for “certifying” the health of US swine in accordance with a well-defined and common set of standards. The proposed change here aims to be consistent with the need for the US SHIP to transition from a start-up endeavor to an officially recognized program for “certifying” the health of US swine. Looking forward, it will be the US SHIP health status certification(s) held by the participating premises that will derive the recognition and value for participants. Enrollment alone will not bring value or recognition by third-parties.

Thus, the proposed update serves to have the At-large delegate allocation be reflective “certification” rather than enrollment.

Resolutions

Definition: Resolutions: Charges to pursue initiatives or further explore specific issues that aim to further inform US SHIP program content and direction.

Approval of Resolutions require majority vote by the US SHIP HOD.

It should be understood that US SHIP is an industry, state, and federal partnership en-route to be a USDA Swine Health Program (modeled after NPIP's longstanding system of shared governance) that centers on certifying the health of US swine in accordance with well-defined program standards.

Any project-based work involving research, new system development, collaborative forums, outreach, education, and advocacy for US SHIP related efforts are only possible through the support and self-evident synergies working in partnership with the national pork producer, packer, and swine veterinary organizations (i.e., National Pork Board, National Pork Producers Council, Swine Health Information Center, Meat Institute, and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians).

The Resolutions passed at previous US SHIP HODs are available on the US SHIP website under Documents (usswinehealthimprovementplan.com).

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024 - 1
SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP Sampling & Testing Work Group
SUBJECT MATTER: Explore Utility of Aggregate Samples as a Complementary Surveillance Tool to the Individual Sick Sow Testing in Commercial Scale Breeding Herds as Part of the ASF/CSF Risk Level 2 and 3 Testing Requirements.

WHEREAS, The 2024 outbreak of High-Path Avian Influenza in US dairy cattle has further exposed and reinforced the potential for using aggregate samples (i.e., bulk milk tank samples in the case of dairy farms) as a highly effective and efficient means for herd-level monitoring of pathogens of high consequence.

WHEREAS, Aggregate samples (e.g., most notably Oral Fluids, and Processing Fluids) have a well-studied and well documented track-record of success and are being used at scale for herd-level health status monitoring applications in commercial scale breeding farms across the US.

WHEREAS, Robust surveillance methods for enhancing the probabilities of early detection of circulating virus in commercial scale breeding herds weaning pigs off-site is especially important due to the recurring weaning events that involve distributing weaned pigs to any number of different locations.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED:

The U.S. SHIP House of Delegates supports moving forward with efforts to fully vet the potential utility of incorporating aggregate samples (e.g. oral fluids, processing fluids, et al) as a complimentary surveillance tool to the individual sick sow testing in commercial scale breeding herds as part of ASF/CSF Risk Level 2 and 3 testing requirements.¹

A producer led effort (facilitated with assistance US SHIP Sampling and Testing Working Group) that is inclusive of interested pork producers, swine veterinarians, diagnosticians, state animal health officials, and USDA veterinarians from Swine Staff, NAHLN, and FADDL should be convened to fully vet the potential for incorporating aggregate samples as a complementary surveillance tool to the individual sick sow sampling in the ASF/CSF Risk Level 2 and 3 testing requirements of the US SHIP ASF/CSF Monitored Certification.

This working group's findings, recommendations, and any potential proposed updates to the ASF/CSF Monitored testing requirements should be brought forward for consideration at the 2025 US SHIP HOD.

Footnotes:

'Definitions of US SHIP ASF/CSF Risk Levels:

ASF/CSF Risk Levels 1 = US Negative

ASF/CSF Risk Level 2 = US Positive, Operations Normalizing, State or Region Negative

ASF/CSF Risk Level 3 = US Positive, Immediately After Incursion, or if State or Region Positive.

Note: All testing for US SHIP ASF/CSF Monitor Certification is Outside of Control Areas

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024 - 2
SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP Feed Biosafety Working Group
SUBJECT MATTER: Continuation of a broadly applicable Feed Ingredient Import pilot program across a substantive subset of US pork industry participants and feed industry stakeholders.

WHEREAS, The US Swine Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) is a collaborative effort involving industry, state, and federal officials tasked with establishing a “national playbook” of technical standards associated with biosecurity, traceability, and sampling/testing.

WHEREAS, There is a recognized risk of disease transmission from both feed ingredients and whole feed and research and risk assessments continue to be conducted to assess the risks associated with importing feed ingredients from ASF-CSF positive regions and potential mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate those risks.

WHEREAS, US SHIP presents as a platform for incorporating broadly applicable standards of practice related to mitigating the risks of disease introduction via imported feedstuffs into a swine health certification program that is national in its scope and recognition.

WHEREAS, There has been significant efforts directed towards understanding the importation of feed ingredients used in the swine industry and biosecurity practices incorporated throughout the feed supply chain.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED:

The US SHIP House of Delegates requests the continued pursuit of a demonstration project across a substantive subset of US SHIP pork industry participants and feed industry stakeholders.

Specifically, within this continued demonstration project efforts should be directed towards increasing the breadth of representation and engagement including further discussions with producer, feed/premix manufacturer, ingredient supplier, the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) and the exhibition swine industry.

Participants in the project would evaluate and report aspects of their import practices for non-bulk ingredients, defined as ingredients packaged in 1 metric ton packaging or less originating from or undergoing transit through a region with a known presence of African swine fever virus (ASFV) and/or Classical swine fever virus (CSFV).

The reporting should include aspects regarding:

1. Traceability;
2. Biosecurity at origin
3. Biosecurity upon arrival in the United States
4. Requirements of quarantine facility and processes

Intended Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this pilot program, information will be summarized and presented to the US SHIP House of Delegates characterizing the current feed biosecurity practices being implemented by the US swine industry for import of non-bulk ingredients from ASF/CSF affected countries.

Based on these learnings through this pilot program, a framework of a national Biosecure Ingredient Imports program may be proposed for consideration and deliberation by the US SHIP House of Delegates.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024 – 3
SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP Site Biosecurity Feral Swine Mitigation Working Group
SUBJECT MATTER: US SHIP Secure Pork Supply Plan Working Group Recommendations

WHEREAS, Secure Pork Supply Enhanced Site Biosecurity Plans are required for the commercial scale US SHIP Production Site Types to achieve and maintain the US SHIP ASF/CSF Monitored certification.

WHEREAS, The Secure Pork Supply Plan Site Biosecurity Plan for Pigs with Outdoor Access was determined to be the proper mechanism for producers with outdoor production to document their mitigation activities to limit the biosecurity threat due to contact with feral swine.

WHEREAS, US SHIP Site Biosecurity and Feral Swine Mitigation Working Group was tasked with working with the National Pork Board (NPB) Secure Pork Supply Working Group to advise revisions within Secure Pork Supply’s resources to include the incorporation of a feral swine mitigation plan for swine with outdoor access.

WHEREAS, The US SHIP Site Biosecurity and Feral Swine Mitigation Working Group, consisting of producers, academics, industry and regulatory representatives, have developed a list of potential recommendations for the NPB Secure Pork Supply Working Group to consider during their upcoming revision of the Secure Pork Supply Plan.

WHEREAS, US SHIP site biosecurity standards and recommendations must stay aligned with future revisions of the Secure Pork Supply Site Biosecurity Plans to ensure seamless execution of existing standards and the development of future standards.

WHEREAS, The most functional way to ensure the seamless transition is to ensure there is adequate representation of active members of the US SHIP Site Biosecurity Working Groups on the Secure Pork Supply Working Group.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED:

The US SHIP House of Delegates requests the National Pork Board’s Secure Pork Supply Working Group to work with US SHIP leadership to ensure that any future revisions to the Secure Pork Supply Plans fit the needs of US SHIP Site Biosecurity now and in the future.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024 – 4

SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP Traceability Work Group

SUBJECT MATTER: Extend the US Swine Health Improvement Plan (US SHIP), traceability pilot to support a national swine traceability approach by using and further developing “US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records” for capturing movement records of swine being moved interstate for further growing, breeding, or exhibition in near real-time across a number of US States.

WHEREAS, The US SHIP is an industry, state, and federal partnership that centers on establishing a national program for safeguarding, certifying, and bettering the health of US swine and the competitiveness of the US pork industry.

WHEREAS, The ability to proficiently track and trace inter-premises movements of live swine across the breadth of US pork industry participants is a foundational element of foreign animal disease preparedness.

WHEREAS, A resolution establishing the need for national mandatory swine traceability was approved at the 2024 Pork Forum.

WHEREAS, The US SHIP Resolution 2023-1 charged the US SHIP Traceability Working Group and requested the initiation use of “US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records” for swine traceability purposes.

WHEREAS, A pilot project was conducted with the engagement of small, medium, and large pork producers, 14 State Animal Health Offices, and two animal movement repositories, i.e., AgView housed at National Pork Board and RABapp housed at North Carolina State University.

WHEREAS, The pilot has provided an opportunity for stakeholder engagement, the establishment of working relationships between engaged parties, gap identification and opportunity for correction, and general traceability improvements across engaged stakeholders.

WHEREAS, The pilot has identified that the establishment of “US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records” is feasible, albeit there is still a need for considerable advancements for complete animal movement data collection by producers and further development of build-for-purpose capacities for efficient and securely deliverable of animal movement data, making it readily available to State Animal Health Officials.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED:

The US SHIP House of Delegates requests the continued pursuit of a demonstration project across a substantive subset of US SHIP pork industry participants, industry stakeholders, state animal health officials (SAHOs), and US SHIP official state agencies for using and further developing “US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records” for capturing movement records of swine being moved interstate for further growing, breeding, or exhibition in near real-time.

Specifically, within this continued demonstration project, efforts should be directed towards increasing the breadth of representation and engagement, including further discussions with program participants (Producers), State Animal Health Officials, US SHIP Official State Agencies, entities responsible for managing/providing services of “US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records”, and the individuals representing the databases applications being used.

Participants in the project would evaluate and report aspects towards using and further developing “US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records” towards supporting national swine traceability, with emphasis and focusing on improving data capture quality and promptly delivering such information in a user friendly format to the appropriate State Animal Health Official and US SHIP Official State Agency.

The swine traceability reporting should include aspects regarding traceability advancements from:

- Program participants (Producers)
- State Animal Health Officials
- Official State Agencies
- Entities responsible for managing/providing services of the Repository in this initiative.
- Individuals representing the database applications used to support the services being provided.

Intended Outcomes:

The continued traceability efforts would identify gaps, offer an opportunity for correction, and provide information that can support data-driven decisions to guide further the advancements toward national-scale traceability in the swine industry. Learnings from this pilot will be presented at the US SHIP House of Delegates and can be further used as a framework to support the advancement and implementation of a national swine traceability program.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024 – 5

SUBMITTED BY: US SHIP Traceability Work Group

SUBJECT MATTER: Requesting subset of State Animal Health Officials (SAHO) to commission a working group to define and propose a path forward for enabling producers to utilize the services of US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Movement Records to meet the swine movement record reporting requirements of Swine Production Health Plans (SPHP) or Certificates of Veterinary Inspection across a breadth of US states with significant pork production operations

WHEREAS, The US SHIP is an industry, state, and federal partnership that centers on establishing a national program for safeguarding, certifying, and bettering the health of US swine and the competitiveness of the US pork industry.

WHEREAS, The ability to proficiently track and trace inter-premises movements of live swine across the breadth of US pork industry participants is a foundational element of foreign animal disease preparedness.

WHEREAS, Movement records of swine being moved interstate for the purposes of further breeding, growing, or exhibition have long been required to be reported to the State Animal Health Official of the state of destination in accordance with Swine Production Health Plans (SPHPs) or Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs).

WHEREAS, The methods used, required fields, format, and the degree of sophistication in which such interstate movement records of swine are captured and archived are highly variable within and across US states. As such, these inter-premises movement records are commonly not well-suited to support highly scalable or proficient track and trace procedures.

WHEREAS, Enabling producers to utilize the services of capable US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records as a means to meet the swine movement record reporting requirements of Swine Production Health Plans (SPHPs) or Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) would create a tangible and sustainable business use case for producers and states to adopt the use of the common standards and technologies that are needed to establish a truly capable national system of traceability across the US pork industry.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED:

The US SHIP House of Delegates request a subset State Animal Health Officials from US SHIP participant states to commission a working group to define and propose a path forward for enabling producers to utilize the services provided by US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Movement Records as acceptable means for producers to meet the swine movement record reporting requirements of Swine Production Health Plans (SPHPs) or Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) across a breadth of US states with significant pork production operations.

Intended Outcomes:

Create a pathway forward for a tangible and sustainable business use case for producers and states to adopt the use of the common standards and technologies that are needed to establish a truly capable national system of traceability across the US pork industry.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024 - 6

SUBMITTED BY: The American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the Delegation from the State of Minnesota

SUBJECT MATTER: Explore the potential for PEDV certification in US SHIP.

WHEREAS, The US Swine Health Improvement Plan (US SHIP) is an industry, state, and federal partnership that centers on establishing a national program for safeguarding, certifying, and bettering the health of US swine and competitiveness of the US pork industry.

WHEREAS, The initial scope of US SHIP has been focused on establishing the ASF/CSF Monitored certification.

WHEREAS, The development of a platform for certifying the health of US swine being established in US SHIP could be leveraged to certify and mitigate the impact of any number of endemic diseases of high consequences to the US pork industry.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED:

The US SHIP House of Delegates requests the US SHIP staff and stakeholders to work collaboratively with the PEDV centered working groups recently established by the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the National Pork Board to evaluate the next steps and potential for introducing a PEDV health status certification within US SHIP to be considered by the 2025 US SHIP House of Delegates.

Clarification:

The ASF/CSF Monitored certification is the baseline and only required certification within US SHIP (similar to the Salmonella pullorum being the baseline certification in NPIP). Additional certifications for endemic diseases such as PEDV are envisioned to be optional and utilized by participants in an ala-carte fashion. Therefore, a participant currently certified as ASF/CSF Monitored would not be required to participate in a PEDV certification to remain certified as ASF/CSF Monitored.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024 - 7

SUBMITTED BY: Delegation from the State of Indiana

SUBJECT MATTER: General Conference Committee (GCC)

WHEREAS, The GCC serves an important role in representing the interests of swine producers, livestock marketing operations, and slaughter facilities as the advisory body to the US SHIP program administrators.

WHEREAS, US SHIP activities have such a strong connection to regulatory veterinary medicine that GCC members could benefit from the perspective of a State Animal Health Official.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED:

The US SHIP House of Delegates supports a recommendation to USDA to include a non-voting GCC position for a State Animal Health Official on a rotating basis.