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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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**FSIS RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO APHIS's SAMPLING PROGRAM
FOR CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER**

**NOTE: THIS IS A RE-ISSUANCE OF ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM FSIS NOTICE
43-07**

I. PURPOSE

This notice provides direction to Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection program personnel on their responsibilities related to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) sampling program for Classical Swine Fever (CSF).

II. BACKGROUND

APHIS personnel, or their state colleagues, will sample for CSF in APHIS-designated establishments as part of their National Surveillance Program for foreign animal diseases in the U.S. food animal population. APHIS posts the designated establishments at the following Website:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/swine/csf/index.htm>

NOTE: See Appendix E, State-level Surveillance Plans, on the Website for the list of slaughter establishments involved. The establishments may change when APHIS updates the list. Some states may sample from establishments not on the list.

**III. PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN (PHV) RESPONSIBILITIES IN SAMPLE
COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION FOR CSF**

A. Sample Collection Location at the Establishment

In establishments designated for CSF sampling, APHIS will work with the establishment in identifying a location for the sampling. APHIS will advise the establishment that it needs to discuss identifying a location for the sampling with the PHV. When the establishment does so, the PHV is to ensure that sample collection at that location will not interfere with FSIS personnel safety or with FSIS inspection activities, and that it will not jeopardize food safety.

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B. PHV Identification of Eligible Carcasses

PHVs are to identify eligible carcasses for sampling by APHIS or its state colleagues. Eligible carcasses are carcasses condemned for erysipelas or septicemia by FSIS.

Refer questions to the Policy Development Division at askFSIS or at 1-800-233-3935.



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