# Legislative Mechanisms and Experiences

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#### ANIMAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

Subtitle E of Title X of the Farm Security and Rural

Investment Act of 2002

(Public Law 107–171; May 13, 2002)

Provides broad authority as legislated by the United States Congress for regulating animals and their products that pose a risk to U.S. agriculture.

#### SEC. 10402. Ø7 U.S.C. 8301

- (1) the prevention, detection, control, and eradication of diseases and pests of animals are essential to protect—
  - (A) animal health;
  - (B) the health and welfare of the people of the United States;
  - (C) the economic interests of the livestock and related industries of the United States;
  - (D) the environment of the United States; and
  - (E) interstate commerce and foreign commerce of the United States in animals and other articles;



# Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA)

- (2) animal diseases and pests are primarily transmitted by animals and articles regulated under this subtitle;
- (3) the health of animals is affected by the methods by which animals and articles are transported in interstate commerce and foreign commerce;
- (4) the Secretary must continue to conduct research on animal diseases and pests that constitute a threat to the livestock of the United States; and
- (5) (A) all animals and articles regulated under this subtitle are in or affect interstate commerce or foreign commerce; and
  - (B) regulation by the Secretary and cooperation by the Secretary with foreign countries, States or other jurisdictions, or persons are necessary—
    - (i) to prevent and eliminate burdens on interstate commerce and foreign commerce;
    - (ii) to regulate effectively interstate commerce and foreign commerce; and
    - (iii) to protect the agriculture, environment, economy, and health and welfare of the people of the United States.

• The Animal Health Protection Act is a broad, overarching law providing the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture the general authority to perform activities necessary to ensure the articles described within the Act are achieved.



• The **Federal Register** is the official journal of the federal government of the United States that contains government agency rules, proposed rules, and public notices. (https://www.federalregister.gov)



• The **Code of Federal Regulations** is the codification of the general and permanent regulations published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government of the United States.





**Federal Order**: a legal document issued when the Administrator of APHIS considers it necessary to take action to protect agriculture or prevent the entry and establishment into the United States of a pest or disease.

### ASF Protection Zone Federal Order

Feder Order No. DA-2021-0003, December 2, 2021

**Subject**: Revision of Federal Order DA-2021-0002 to Authorize the Movement of Certain Swine Products and Swine Byproducts Under Specified Conditions from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

**To**: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

## Other Public Notifications

- Stakeholder Alerts
  - Inter-governmental
  - External (public)
- Guideline
- Talking Points
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  - External
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- Web based "Traveler Information"

