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Dr Mary Carr
Chief Veterinary Officer
Department of Primary Industries and Regions
By Email: mary.carr@sa.gov.au

Dear Dr Mary Carr,

Re: Updated national definition of prohibited pig feed

Feeding of mammalian animal products to pigs is a major transmission pathway for emergency animal diseases (EAD), including African swine fever (ASF) and foot and mouth disease (FMD).

As the peak industry body for livestock in South Australia, Livestock SA supports measures that reduce and mitigate the risk of EAD, particularly FMD, establishing in Australia.

We support the Department of Primary Industries and Regions' (the department) move to introduce additional requirements to better protect our industries from the risk of disease by;

1. Eliminating the ability to feed any substance that has come into contact with restricted animal material (RAM). An example this would be cooking or food scraps from which meat has been removed.
2. Eliminating the ability to feed milk, milk products, gelatine, tallow, or an extracted oil (as these are specifically excluded from the RAM definition), unless they are of Australian origin, as these products could potentially introduce diseases such as FMD.

Additionally, there is no current 'process approved by the Chief Inspector', in regard to suitable rendering. The development and publishing of such a process has been identified as important due to the increasing interest in utilising food waste as animal feed. This should ensure that such an activity is only undertaken in a manner that minimises risk of disease. This approved process will be in line with the nationally agreed approved processes.

We are in support of these processes that better protect our livestock industry from ASF and other significant diseases.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Keynes
President