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### Porcine Epidemic Disease Announcement

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**Report Highlights:**

On Tuesday, June 25, 2013, the National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) [publicly announced](#) restrictions on imports of live swine from the United States and that, through its review, has not detected the porcine epidemic diarrhea (PED) virus in Mexico. In calendar year 2012, the United States exported 26,793 live swine to Mexico valued at U.S. \$6.4 million. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is in discussion with SENASICA on these restrictions.

## **General Information:**

SENASICA announced its measures to prevent the introduction of PED into Mexico through a press release issued on Tuesday, June 25, 2013. The issue has been a significant source of concern for the Mexican pork sector which has been publicly calling on the Government of Mexico to take any necessary precautions to support it and prevent the disease from entering Mexico. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has been in discussion with SENASICA regarding PED and has shared information on the disease characteristics and has expressed its willingness for further collaboration. The trade safeguards that were in place through previously negotiated animal health requirements sheets (HRZs) and export certification documents (i.e., bilateral protocols) prior to the PED occurrence contained attestations that animals not show any clinical signs of disease and that they be quarantined at authorized facilities for a 30 day period prior to shipping.

SENASICA's press release announced that the agency would:

1. Restrict the import of live swine from the United States with the objective of reviewing on a case-by-case basis the necessary zoosanitary requirements.
2. Request additional technical information regarding the outbreak from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), what counter-measures are being taken, and what risk mitigation measures are being taken for U.S. exported live swine.
3. Maintain epidemiological monitoring in swine production areas to identify any abnormal swine mortality rates.
4. Although there is a low chance that live swine imported from the United States before May 17, 2013, are symptomatic, the animals will remain under quarantine.
5. SENASICA personnel are researching imported live swine from the United States for the 3 month period prior to the outbreak and have not found any positive cases.

SENASICA acknowledges that PED is a non-reportable OIE disease and that Secretary Martinez of the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) has directed SENASICA to maintain communications with USDA until epidemiological investigation results are concluded and with the Mexican pork sector to continue coordinating prevention efforts.

The announcement goes further to say that PED can be introduced by animals and contaminated equipment and that Mexican producers should remain vigilant with their operational biosecurity measures.

## TRADE IMPACT

According to U.S. Department of Commerce Foreign Trade Statistics, the United States exported 26,793 live swine to Mexico in 2012 valued at U.S. \$6.4 million. Through the first four months of 2013, U.S. exports were 3,758 live swine valued at U.S. \$1.2 million.

Table 1. Mexico: U.S. Exports in Volume (head) and Value (U.S. \$1000) of Live Swine to Mexico

HS Code	Product	2011		2012		Jan - Apr 2012		Jan - Apr 2013	
		Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty
1031000	Purebred Swine	2,488	6,780	6,366	26,602	1,465	5,641	1,225	3,758
1039100	Swine <50Kg	176	474	23	139	12	79	0	0
1039200	Swine >50Kg	219	1,494	21	52	21	52	0	0
All	Grand Total	2,883	8,748	6,410	26,793	1,497	5,772	1,225	3,758

### For More Information

FAS/Mexico Web Site: We are available at [www.mexico-usda.com](http://www.mexico-usda.com) or visit the FAS headquarters' home page at [www.fas.usda.gov](http://www.fas.usda.gov) for a complete selection of FAS worldwide agricultural reporting.

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<a href="#">MX2503</a>	Exporting to Mexico – Managing Border Entry Issues	3/22/2012
<a href="#">MX1092</a>	New Meat and Poultry Letterhead Certificates Required	12/6/2011

**Useful Mexican Web Sites:** Mexico's equivalent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at [www.sagarpa.gob.mx](http://www.sagarpa.gob.mx), equivalent to the U.S. Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at [www.economia.gob.mx](http://www.economia.gob.mx) and equivalent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (SALUD) can be found at [www.salud.gob.mx](http://www.salud.gob.mx). These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned sites.