

Emergency Fund Program in Response to Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED), Swine Delta Coronavirus (SDCV) and Senecavirus A (SVA) in Québec

This summary in no way takes precedence over program provisions.

On November 3, 2017, La Financière agricole du Québec amended its emergency fund program in order to include a new disease called Senecavirus A (SVA). Therefore, the emergency fund is now intended for swine producers affected by Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED), Swine Delta Coronavirus (SDCV) or Senecavirus A (SVA). The program offers to reimburse certain additional expenses required to combat any of these diseases and limit their spread.

Program administration

La Financière agricole mandated the administration of this program to the Équipe québécoise de santé porcine (EQSP – Québec swine health team), which ensures a concerted approach against diseases with hog sector partners and government authorities.

To be eligible for the program, the operation must:

- Operate a production site infected with PED, SDCV or SVA and be located in Québec;
- Have notified the EQSP, within no more than 48 hours after receiving information from the attending veterinarian, that the site is infected with the virus;
- Be the owner of the livestock at the infected production site;
- Follow instructions given by the EQSP aimed at controlling the duration of the infection and spread of the virus;
- Have duly completed and signed the registration and claim forms.

Additional costs covered

Affected operations are asked to rigorously follow the intervention plan proposed by the EQSP and assume certain specific costs in addition to usual production costs. Accordingly, the emergency fund covers the following additional expenses:

- Exceptional veterinary costs;
- Additional costs for disposing of contaminated carcasses;
- Additional biosafety material (maximum of \$1,500);
- Additional costs for confining herds;
- Exceptional costs for washing, disinfecting and drying buildings, equipment and trucks;
- Other additional costs related to biosecurity measures recommended by the attending veterinarian (maximum of \$5,000).

Payment of financial assistance

An advance of \$5,000 may be paid by La Financière agricole on the recommendation of the EQSP manager. The advance will be taken into account when processing the operation's final claim.

Interventions are limited to \$20,000 per production site affected. However, that amount could reach \$30,000 for a site on which a nursery is present.

A production site is a place with one or several traceability sites serving to raise hogs and located at a same civic address in Québec. Each traceability site may have one or several buildings in which animals belonging to a same owner are raised.

ACT QUICKLY

If you see any clinical signs of illness at the farm, it is important to consult your veterinarian immediately. If your veterinarian confirms the presence of the disease, you must promptly notify the EQSP by calling the Éleveurs de porcs du Québec's hotline at:

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