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PROPOSED SIMULATION EXERCISE SOUTH AUSTRALIA 21 AND 22 OCTOBER: INFORMATION ONLY

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Australian Pork Limited, together with Primary Industries South Australia will be conducting an Emergency Animal Disease **simulation exercise** 21st and 22nd of October. This **simulation exercise will be restricted to South Australia only.**

This is an opportunity to practice and understand emergency management skills, and to understand and enhance working relationships between the industry and government.

Among other objectives, the simulation exercise, called "Exercise Charlotte" will help industry to test the revised industry emergency management response plan, PorkSAFE, as well as the draft industry Enterprise Manual. The draft Enterprise Manual has been developed with input from Animal Health Australia with the purpose of improving government, industry and producer preparedness for responding to a crisis.

It will set out the disease control principles that will be used in the case if an Emergency Animal Disease outbreak in the pig industry, and how the industry would deal with issues such as stock standstill or slaughter-out on-farm.

Some of you may have been trained as Industry Liaison Officers or have had recent training in PorkSAFE. Feedback from producers who have undertaken the PorkSAFE training indicates that they have begun thinking about their own level of preparation on-farm as well as broader strategic issues and operational challenges that the industry will face in an emergency such as movement controls of pigs, people, slaughter on farm and in abattoir, vaccination policies etc.

As part of the simulation exercise, a small number of Liaison Officers will be required to assist in the process. (Please note that an officer from APL would have already contacted you directly if your assistance was required).

Following the simulation exercise, we will conduct a debrief in conjunction with Primary Industries South Australia to examine how we performed. This will then feed into revising the PorkSAFE Plan and improving industry preparedness. We will be making the results of this available on our website.

Further information: Please contact Amanda Reagan at APL on 1800 789 099 for further information about the PorkSAFE program, future training, or the simulation exercise.

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