



Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians  

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### **CASV-ACVP Position Statement**

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The CASV-ACVP supports the judicious use of antimicrobials in swine. The use of antimicrobials for prevention, control and treatment of bacterial diseases must be under the oversight of a veterinarian with a veterinarian-client-patient relationship. Veterinarians must follow federal and provincial regulations when prescribing any antimicrobials.

Regarding Own-Use Importation (OUI) of products, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) Antimicrobials use and Class 1 Antimicrobial use, CASV-ACVP makes the following position statements.

#### **Own-Use Importation (OUI)**

##### Statement

The CASV-ACVP only supports the use of pharmaceuticals acquired through “own-use importation” (OUI) in swine if the imported products have been approved and are listed by Health Canada in List B of the Food and Drugs Act and its Regulations.

Importation of pharmaceuticals that would not follow these regulations is illegal in Canada and poses a risk to food safety in swine.

#### **Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) Antimicrobials**

##### Statement:

The CASV-ACVP does not support the use of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) antimicrobials unless used under specific stated conditions:

- API antimicrobials should not be administered directly to swine. They must be compounded by a veterinarian or pharmacist following pharmacist regulations, imported following the current federal regulations, and be used under the direction and prescription of a veterinarian under a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR).

- API antimicrobials should not be used if a similar commercially approved product (DIN product) is available, and this DIN product has shown sufficient efficacy to meet the need of a specific medical situation.
- Health Canada (VDD) Class 1 antimicrobials should never be used as an API.

### **Class 1 Antimicrobial - Very High Importance**

Statement:

The CASV-ACVP does not support the preventive use of Class 1 antimicrobials. Moreover, Health Canada (VDD) Class 1 antimicrobials should never be used as an API.