



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 and sold following the current federal regulations, including appropriate reporting of sales to Health Canada, 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.