

## Pork Imports Halted from Cholera-Infected Countries

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has amended its import regulations to prohibit the importation of live hogs and fresh pork from nations where hog cholera is known to exist.

Officials of USDA's Animal and

Plant Health Inspections Service (APHIS) said the action becomes effective immediately, to eliminate any possibility that additional hog cholera infection could be introduced into the U.S., and thereby add to the spreading outbreak which has recently hit several midwestern and southeastern States.

The change adds hog cholera-infected countries to the list of

countries infected with foot-and-mouth disease and African swine fever and from which no live hogs or fresh pork can be imported into the United States. APHIS officials explained that only Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are considered free of the three diseases and therefore will be eligible to ship fresh pork and live hogs into the U.S.

"The recent outbreak of hog cholera has reemphasized the difficulty of eradicating this disease from the U.S.," APHIS Administrator Dr. F. J. Mulhern said. "While our former regulations were considered adequate to protect U.S. producers from foreign swine diseases in general, as we approach the point of eradication of hog cholera, we must ensure that all potential sources of infection have been closed off," he emphasized.

Dr. Mulhern indicated that considerable progress has been made in eliminating this deadly swine disease from the U.S., since the Cooperative State-Federal hog cholera eradication program began in 1962. He noted, however, that the recent outbreaks apparently resulted in part from a degree of complacency that has occurred along with this progress. Dr. Mulhern stressed that everyone in the swine business must continue to rigidly observe all of the prescribed precautions to prevent the spread of hog cholera—especially to thoroughly cook all garbage and meat scraps fed to hogs.

Under the amended import regulations, countries infected with hog cholera will be permitted to ship to the U.S. only a limited variety of specially treated pork products, such as

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The second award of \$1,000 was shared by two firefighters: Captain David T. Darby of the Oklahoma City Fire Department, Oklahoma City, Okla. and Luther P. Ludwig, firefighter-driver of the Birmingham Fire Department, Birmingham, Ala. They also received silver plaques.

Three firemen were nominated for the third award of \$500, the first posthumously to fireman Joseph P. Jenkins of Salisbury, N. C. and the other to a team of two firefighters, Assistant Chiefs David Volles and Roy McCarty of Fayetteville, N. Y. Bronze plaques were also presented.

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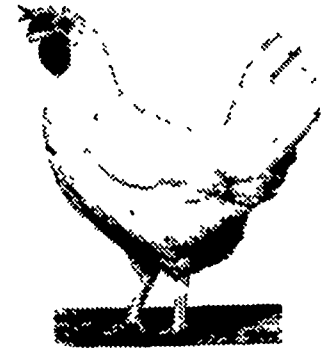
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