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## AASV Recommendations to Meet Japanese MRL Requirements of U.S. Pork

### Background and Goals:

- Protection of export markets and consumer confidence is of critical importance to the pork industry
- Highest risk to these markets is from mass medication during the finishing period and in the breeding herd.
- Animal care and production may require administering products during the finishing phase or in the breeding herd.
- The AASV product withdrawal database contains only products for which the manufacturer has supplied specific Japanese MRL withdrawal information. Products without specific Japanese MRL withdrawal information are not listed.

### Recommendations:

- Use the best science available to ensure compliance with market specifications
- If specific withdrawal times for a product have not been supplied by the manufacturer, the product will not be listed in the product/withdrawal database. If a product is not listed in the database, the AASV recommends not using that product during the finisher phase or in breeding animals. This includes proprietary and generic products.
  - A generic product may have a different withdrawal time from its proprietary equivalent. Follow the specific product withdrawal recommendation.
- Follow the recommended product withdrawal to meet the Japanese MRL requirements. Product withdrawal time is based on applying the product at the labeled dosage and route and duration of administration.
- If a compound is given by multiple routes of administration (example - given in the water, in the feed and/or by injection) simultaneously, withdrawal time may need to be extended. Contacting the product manufacturer(s) about appropriate withdrawal time to meet market expectations is recommended.
- Follow appropriate administration techniques
  - Includes location of injection site
  - Includes volume of product within one injection site
  - Any change in location, administration, volume or labeled directions constitutes extralabel use. There may not be specific withdrawal data available for extralabel use of specific products.
- Follow quality assurance procedures to prevent mistakes.