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Wisconsin Announces Waiver of PRRS and PEDv Swine Movement Testing

LANCASTER, WI - The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) is pleased to announce that the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has accepted WPA's request for a waiver of the state's swine movement rule related to Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv) testing and import requirements.

Effective immediately, the waiver suspends testing and movement restrictions previously required under Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 10 and 12. The draft rule was approved by the DATCP Board on January 29th, and by the Governor on February 6th. It was submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau on February 19. Before the rule can become final, it must complete a legislative review and be published in the register. That process can take several weeks, sometimes months.

"With spring movements and show pig exhibitions coming up quickly, WPA's ask to WDATCP was to waive the current PRRS and PEDv testing requirements while we wait for final publication of the rule in order to reduce the economic burden associated with the testing," stated Keri Retallick, Executive Vice President.

"Our thanks to State Veterinarian Dr. Konkle for her willingness to accept the waiver and listen to our producers in an effort to reduce burdensome testing that did not advance the intent of the rule to enhance swine health," said Retallick. "WPA will continue to work closely with producers, veterinarians, and industry partners to safeguard herd health while supporting Wisconsin's agricultural industry."

The waiver, effective immediately, will remain in effect until the final rule is published. Wisconsin's pork producers are encouraged to maintain strong biosecurity measures and promptly report any suspected cases of PRRS or PEDv to their herd veterinarian.

The full waiver may be accessed [online here](#). For more information, contact Wisconsin Pork Association at 608-723-7551 or email wppa@wppa.org.

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