

INDUSTRY PROTECTION

SAPPO's Industry Protection Committee has three major objectives:

- To monitor, compile and interpret import statistics;
- To monitor and identify irregularities with regard to imported pork and pork products;
- To protect the industry against imports that could be harmful to the national pig herd's health status.

The committee regularly inspects South African harbours to ensure that pork imports are handled responsibly and that the necessary protocols are adhered to.

Exports

SAPPO's Export Working Group aims to pave the way for local pork producers to export their product. A South African delegation visited Singapore and China two years ago to meet with importers. These countries were keen to learn more about the South African pork market.

SAPPO received a delegation from Singapore and Russia last year that inspected local abattoirs and met, with among others, local pork producers to determine South Africa's health standards. SAPPO is still awaiting the outcome of these visits.

The necessary country-to-country protocols however need to be in place. SAPPO therefore works closely with the department of agriculture, forestry and fisheries to ensure that the necessary phyto sanitary measures are in place to satisfy possible importers from other countries.

The working group last year compiled a country matrix (list of countries that were prioritised for possible exports), as well as a brochure for visiting delegations about SAPPO's compartment system that explains local

producers' high health status.