

## Domestic Inspection Group

### Session 1

1. Funding for 2010 should come from NPB and other state key stakeholders. Have a scope meeting to have recommendation from all states. Provide more detailed recommendations
2. Funding to SITC initiative in mail for online sales.
3. Identify other cost effective methods for pest detection. Critically evaluate canine program to determine if it is valuable to expand and/or continue the program. Provide that information to stakeholders.
4. Assign additional personnel to mail and inland express carrier facilities (Fed Ex, UPS) to perform x-ray inspections
5. FY09 Funding decision have potentially obligated for future funding.
6. Prioritize strategies
7. Let each state decide how they want to set Official control.
8. Create criteria on what should be on official control
9. Identify the scope of what Domestic Inspection is
10. Suggest NPB meet with states officials to create a written proposal on how to spend funding for 2010
11. Do not fund additional dog teams unless they are justified, evaluated
12. Expand dog teams to other states

### Session 2

1. Increase inspections in states shipping and receiving. Focus on activities like training "weigh station" blitzes
2. Use canine teams on initiatives/inspections other than express carrier inspections
3. Transparency on what is placed under Official Control. Let other states know about Official Control. Transparency on regulated actions
4. Initiate and support activities for Official Control

### Session 3

1. Expand canine teams for all states
2. Improve communication and data share between CBP, PPQ, and states. Communicate the legality of PPQ and states staff on what information can be shared. Harmonize rules of Farm Bill and Trade Secret Act
3. Fund surveys to support official control and baseline of information
4. Increase levels of inspection on interstate movement

## **Session 4**

1. Expand dog teams where they are already in place and into other states as well. Assess the need for canine teams in other states to establish priorities. Identify and address other issues so dog teams can work without legal boundaries
2. Create mechanisms to share data between USDA and all states (e.i. SITC Blitzes, involved federal agencies).
3. Provide funding to increase interstate movement inspections
4. Collect data that can justify methods of methods of pest detection.
5. Identify what has to be done under each strategy to decide how to allocate funds

## **Session 5**

1. Develop audits for compliance agreements on facilities.
2. Expand dog team programs to other states and to activities other than mail and express carrier (i.e. surveys, interstate movement)
3. Create an economical analysis on the benefits of using dog teams and identify criteria to keep/continue with canine programs

## **Session 6**

1. Expand canine program based on the Farm Bill criteria to other states, starting with the high risk states
2. Re-examine to amend the definition of when commodities become domestic (when the articles become domestic after cleared by CBP).
3. Increase interstate movement inspections
4. Evaluate if Official control support is needed
5. Define the criteria to measure the success of the Official Control program

## **Questions**

Can USDA regulate/re-inspect commodities after cleared by CBP?

When articles become domestic? When do they legally enter commerce?

What inspections are canine teams performing?

Where canine teams are working; what type of inspections?

Are canine teams targeting the largest facilities in California?

## ***Main 5 Recommendations***

1. Expand canine program where they are already in place and to other states as well
  - a. Based on the Farm Bill criteria to other states, starting with the high risk states
  - b. Create an economical analysis on the benefits of using dog teams and identify criteria to keep/continue with canine programs
  - c. Use for activities other than mail and express carrier (i.e. surveys, interstate movement)
  - d. Assess the need for canine teams in other states to establish priorities
  - e. Address other issues so dog teams can work without legal boundaries
  - f. Critically evaluate canine program to determine if it is valuable to expand and/or continue the program. Provide that information to stakeholders.
2. Identify other cost effective methods for pest detection
3. Provide funding to increase interstate movement inspections
4. Identify the scope of what Domestic Inspection is (when do the articles become domestic after cleared by CBP?); and amend the definition.
5. Evaluate if Official control support is needed and define the criteria to measure the success of the Official Control program