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Stakeholder Alert: **Revision to Guideline for Importation #1122 (GL #1122), *Vitamins and Minerals***

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) has revised Guideline for Importation #1122 (GL #1122), Vitamins and Minerals, to reflect changes for finished products for human consumption that contain vitamin A derived from porcine gelatin, vitamins coated with porcine gelatin, or vitamin D3 derived from sheep wool grease (lanolin).

A USDA VS Import Permit or Government Certification will NOT be required for fully finished food products for human consumption containing vitamin A derived from porcine gelatin, vitamins coated with porcine gelatin, or vitamin D3 derived from sheep wool grease (lanolin) as the only animal origin ingredients, or in combination with other exempted animal origin ingredients or non-exempted animal origin ingredients such as milk and eggs when all applicable APHIS import requirements for those other animal origin ingredients have been met. The fully finished food product must be commercially labeled and shelf-stable (not requiring refrigeration).

Food products or articles containing vitamin A derived from porcine gelatin, vitamins coated with porcine gelatin, or vitamin D3 derived from sheep wool grease (lanolin) listed as animal origin ingredients will be allowed entry without a USDA VS Import Permit and without Government Certification only when meeting the description listed above.

Examples of fully finished food products include the following as a partial, not all-inclusive list: candy and/or confectioneries, baking mixes, cocoa mixes, drink mixes, instant cake mixes, instant pudding mixes, liquid drink mixes containing reconstituted dry mix or dry milk products (including those containing sugar), pancake mixes, potato flakes, powdered infant formula, cookie fillings, fully baked goods (excluding moon cakes), egg protein shampoos, mayonnaise, dry plain pasta, dry plain noodles, salad dressings, sauces, pancake mixes, and cake mixes.

The guideline has specific recommendations for documentation or information that should accompany each shipment and can be accessed at the following link:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/import-live-animals/ct_vitamins_minerals_1122

If Stakeholders/Importers have questions regarding this Import Alert, they should contact NIES at 301-851-3300, option 1.