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## CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 04-01

Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection  
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Subject: Exporting of Veterinary Biologics Products Containing  
Ruminant-Derived Materials

Veterinary Services

To: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants  
Veterinary Services Management Team  
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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of a change in the procedure the Center for Veterinary Biologics uses to handle the APHIS Form 2017, Official Export Certificate for Animal Biologics Products, and APHIS Forms 2046, 2046S, 2047, and 2047S, Certificate of Licensing and Inspection, for those veterinary biological products that contain ruminant-derived materials.

### II. BACKGROUND

Due to the positive diagnosis of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will not endorse any export certificates for products containing ruminant origin material unless the USDA receives official notification that a country is willing to accept these products.

### III. ACTION

Licensees wishing to submit APHIS Form 2017, Official Export Certificate for Animal Biologics Products, must have the destination country confirm they are still accepting veterinary biologics that contain ruminant-derived material. This written confirmation should be in the form of an import permit or a letter issued after December 23, 2003, by the appropriate government agency stating they are still importing veterinary biologics containing ruminant origin material.

Licensees wishing to submit APHIS Forms 2046, 2046S, 2047, and/or 2047S, Certificate of Licensing and Inspection, must submit a cover letter with the certificates stating the country where the product is going to be exported. The destination country must confirm they are still accepting veterinary biologics that contain ruminant-derived material. This written confirmation should be in the form of an import permit or a letter issued after December 23, 2003, by the appropriate government agency stating they are still importing veterinary biologics containing ruminant origin material.



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(Voice/TTY/ASCII/Spanish)  
1-800-877-8339

The written confirmations may be faxed from the appropriate government agency to:  
Export Manager, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB, 510 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 104, Ames,  
Iowa 50010, at 515-232-7120.

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