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**SUBJECT:** Change in Issuance of Permits for General Sale and Distribution

### I. PURPOSE

This Notice informs stakeholders of a change in the issuance of U.S. Veterinary Biological Product Permits for General Sale and Distribution.

### II. BACKGROUND

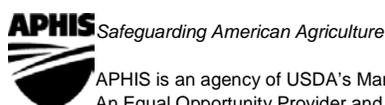
Currently the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) issues a single Biological Product Permit for General Distribution and Sale for all products imported by a single permittee from the same foreign manufacturer. As the number of imported biological products has grown, numerous products may be co-listed on a single permit. If there is a change to one product, the records for co-listed products must be updated as well to reflect the revised issue date. The administrative burden could be alleviated by issuing a separate permit for each imported product. Under this system, a change for one product would not affect records for other products.

### III. ACTION

The CVB will issue a separate Permit for General Sale and Distribution for each imported product.

### IV. IMPLEMENTATION/ APPLICABILITY

The policy of issuing a separate Permit for General Sale and Distribution for each imported product is effective immediately. Current permittees holding a multi-product permit may expect to receive single-product permit replacements in the coming weeks.



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