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TO: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
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SUBJECT: System Change at Customs and Border Protection for Importing
Commodities into the United States, including Permitted Veterinary
Biologics

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the notice is to inform interested parties of the system changes being implemented at the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding the importation of all commodities, including permitted veterinary biologics.

II. BACKGROUND

February 19, 2014, President Obama signed an Executive Order to streamline the Government's import and export processes for America's businesses. The goal is to create a single electronic window where companies and customs brokers can submit required trade documents to the DHS CBP by December 2016.

On August 6, 2015, APHIS issued a Federal Register Notice announcing the availability of a pilot to test the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system. The pilot is slated to be initiated September 2015.

III. ACTION

The CBP is building the ACE/International Trade Data System (ITDS) to be the platform system used for importing commodities into the United States.

The application process for APHIS Form 2005 and the issuance of APHIS Form 2006 for a United States Veterinary Biological Product Permit are not changing.

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There are several different ways to stay informed on the current status of this project.

- A. To learn more about ITDS and the Single Window for Trade, please visit:
<http://www.itds.gov/>
- B. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) homepage will continue to be updated as well regarding this import process change:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/>
 - 1. At the APHIS homepage, click on **Imports & Exports** on the left-hand side of the page in “Popular Topics”.
 - 2. Click on **Trade** on the left-hand side of the page in “Imports & Exports”.
 - 3. Click on **International Trade Data System (ITDS)** in the middle of the page.
- C. Specific questions about ACE from trade can be sent to: ace.itds@aphis.usda.gov
- D. Register for APHIS Stakeholder Registry at:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/subscriber/new>

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/ APPLICABILITY

The goal for full implementation of CBP’s ACE/ITDS is December 2016.