



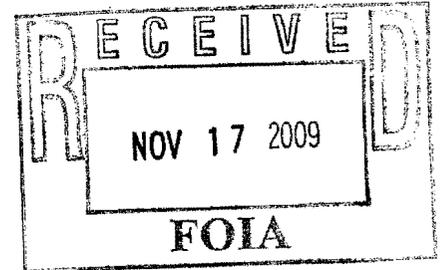
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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Director, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Staff
4700 River Road, Unit 50
Riverdale, MD 20737



RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

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This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552) by the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending animal suffering.

We are requesting copies of records related to all shipments of bovines, both for beef and dairy breeds, shipped from Canada to Mexico for the period **January 1, 2008 through the present**. Specifically, we request copies of the following form for each Canada-to-Mexico shipment occurring during the aforementioned period:

- VS Form 17-135, "United States Permit to Import Animals, Semen, or Embryos"
- International Health Certificate to Export Breeding Dairy Heifers from the United States to Mexico/Mexico, Addendum for Rest stops

The Animal Welfare Institute is an educational organization promoting the humane treatment of animals, including animals in agriculture. The information subject to this request will be used to inform and educate concerned individuals about the agency's enforcement of the Twenty-eight Hour Law. We request that fees be waived for duplication or other costs associated with answering this request because we are an educational organization with 501(c)3 status. Disclosure of this information is in the public interest and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations of the government and is not in the commercial interest of the publisher (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552 (a)(4)(iii) as amended).

If you deny this request, please cite the specific reasons justifying your refusal to release the information, and notify me of appeal procedures available under the law.

If you have any questions regarding this request, you may contact me at _____
any related correspondence should be sent to my attention at the address above.

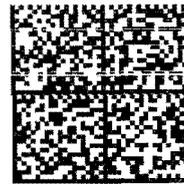
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Sincerely,

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