

**From:** [Thomas J Myers](#)  
**To:** [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [John Clifford](#)  
**cc:** [Elizabeth M Brown](#); [Karen A James-Preston](#); [Larry M Granger](#); [Michael R Doerr](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Today's meat import update  
**Date:** 02/06/2009 04:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [Meat imports update 2-6-09 v2.doc](#)

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Jere/Catherine - Here's this afternoon's update.  
TJ

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02/06/2009 04:31 PM

cc Michael R Doerr/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject Today's meat import update

I added three bullet points from today. At TJ's request, we'll keep the heparin issue very general until we have more details.



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**From:** [Thomas J Myers](#)  
**To:** [Jere L Dick](#)  
**cc:** [Michael R Doerr](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [John Clifford](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow  
**Date:** 02/06/2009 06:53 AM

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Yes, I spoke with Larry last evening. I'm on my way to Riverdale now. Just let me know if you need me to come downtown.

TJ

▼ [Jere L Dick](#)

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jere L Dick  
**Sent:** 02/05/2009 07:27 PM EST  
**To:** Thomas Myers  
**Cc:** Michael Doerr; Catherine Fulton; John Clifford  
**Subject:** Tomorrow

TJ,

I am not sure you are aware. Larry called late this evening and said that he just realized he had made his travel arrangements back to Ft. Collins for tomorrow morning, and not Saturday. He asked what he should do, and I indicated that he should go ahead and go home since he was ticketed for tomorrow morning..... a little late to change.

With that in mind, I may need you to come down tomorrow if things get as crazy as they have been with the China Poultry issue the past two days. The Secretary is planning on meeting the Ambassador at 10 am. For now, I know you have a boat load of things to do there in Riverdale so just plan on going to Riverdale and I will play it by ear here.

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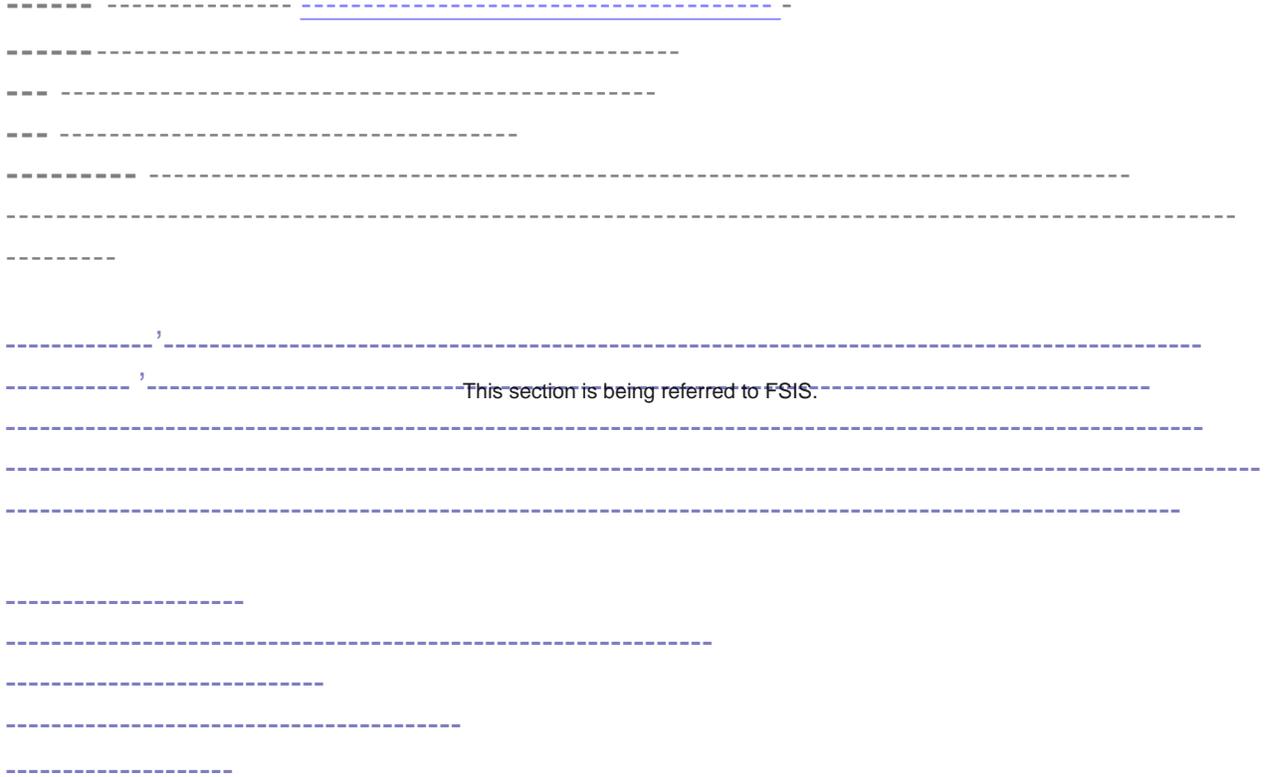
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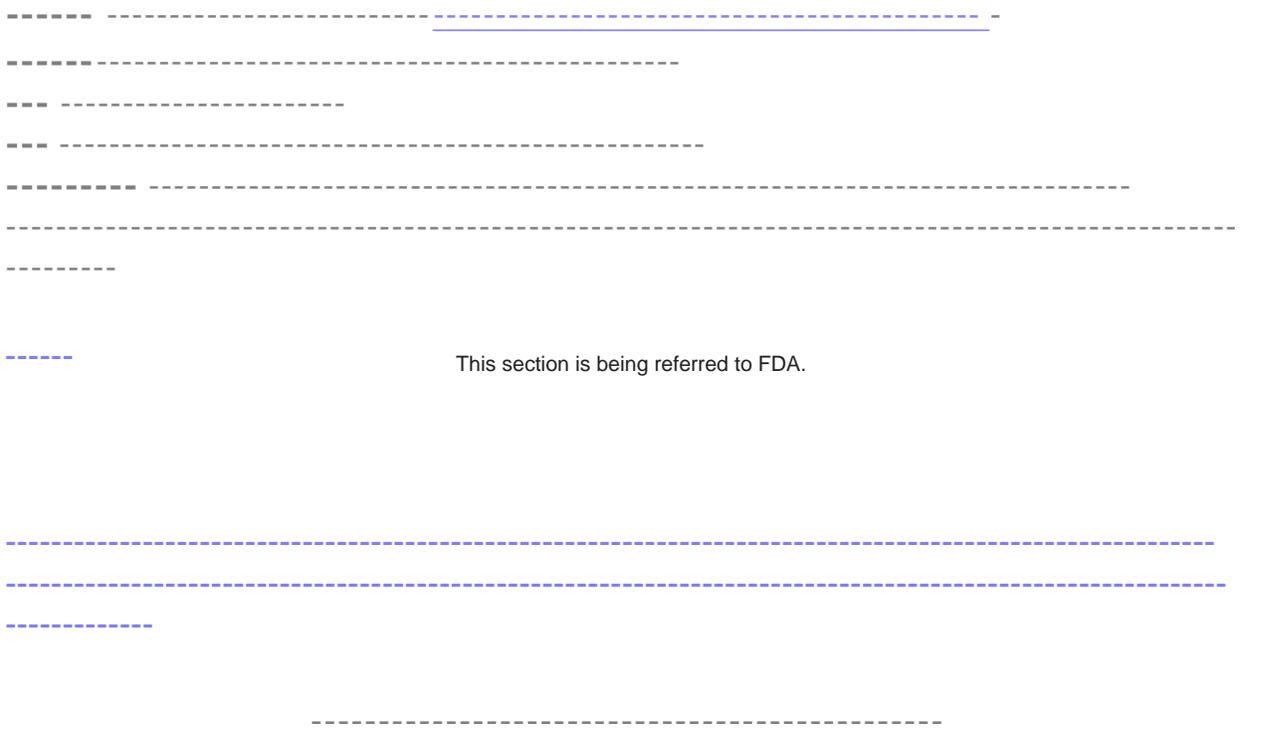
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**Subject:** Re: Update on 2% issue

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**To:** [Clay.Hamilton@fas.usda.gov](#); [Philip.Derfler@fsis.usda.gov](#); [Thomas J Myers](#)  
**cc:** [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Michael J David](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#); [Larry M Granger](#); [Bethany X Jones](#); [ronald.Jones@fsis.usda.gov](#); [bryce.Quick@fsis.usda.gov](#); [Bill Clay](#); [Kevin A Shea](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Update on 2% issue  
**Date:** 03/19/2009 09:22 AM

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2009 9:34 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, Clay; Derfler, Philip; Thomas.J.Myers@aphis.usda.gov  
**Cc:** John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov; Catherine.S.Fulton@aphis.usda.gov; Michael.J.David@aphis.usda.gov; Michael.R.Doerrerr@aphis.usda.gov; Larry.M.Granger@aphis.usda.gov; Bethany.X.Jones@aphis.usda.gov; Jones, Ronald; Quick, Bryce; Bill.Clay@aphis.usda.gov; Kevin.A.Shea@aphis.usda.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Update on 2% issue

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**Subject:** Re: Update on 2% issue  
**Date:** 03/19/2009 03:57 PM

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I can make myself available, if necessary Clay. Just let me know how it works out for others. Right now I have a conference call scheduled for that time.

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**From:** [Karen A James-Preston](#)  
**To:** [Rob Williams](#)  
**cc:** [Christopher C Robinson](#); [Freeda E Isaac](#); [Sara Kaman](#); [John Clifford](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Update on APHIS Acceptance of Electronically Generated Certificates [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** 03/03/2009 12:35 PM

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Rob,

I am out of the office today. Will discuss this further with my staff and get back to you later this week , hopefully

Dr. Karen A. James-Preston

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**From:** Rob.Williams  
**Sent:** 03/03/2009 12:14 PM AST  
**To:** Karen James-Preston  
**Cc:** Christopher Robinson; Freeda Isaac; Sara Kaman; John Clifford  
**Subject:** Update on APHIS Acceptance of Electronically Generated Certificates [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Karen,

I hope this email finds you well.

As it has been a year since AQIS wrote to USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services regarding its intention to move to electronically generated health certificates for inedible meat products, including pet food, I thought I should follow up with you on the letter (see attached) and subsequent discussions we have had on this issue. We had a profitable meeting in November 2008, but since then Australia has not had notification by APHIS VS of whether our new health certification is acceptable.

Could you please update me on where we are at with the AQIS intention to move to health certificates that are electronically generated, including the signature on the health certificate?

I understood you were seeking legal advice on 9CFR 95.29 (b) and compliance with this regulation. May I again state that other USDA agencies have been

accepting our electronically generated certification for a number of years including FSIS and PPQ.

I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

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**To:** [Jere L Dick](#); [Karen A James-Preston](#); [Christopher C Robinson](#); [Thomas.M. Walsh@usda.gov@GW](#); [SHEILA.NOVAK@usda.gov@GW](#)  
**cc:** [John Clifford](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#); [Michael J David](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATE: Trace Amounts Permit Meetings 3-6-09  
**Date:** 03/07/2009 02:35 PM

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Hi Jere - thanks for the great summary of the meetings from yesterday. Just so there is clarity regarding the options being considered, I added a couple of sentences in blue below.

Karen and Chris - Your input on the issue of extending expired permits for 30-60 days would be helpful. Do we have any history of doing this before?

Tom and Sheila - Are you available for a brief phone conference Monday morning to discuss this? We will need to give FSIS an answer Monday afternoon.

Thanks  
TJ

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03/06/2009 06:27 PM

To Andrea C McNally/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, Bill Clay/  
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cc Catherine S Fulton/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA,  
Thomas J Myers/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, Michael  
R Doerrer/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject UPDATE: Trace Amounts Permit Meetings 3-6-09

We just finished two consecutive meetings over the past 2 and a half hours on the Meat, Poultry, and Egg product permitting process. The first was a more technical level discussion with FSIS, APHIS, and FAS. The second included David Lazarus and representatives from the FSIS OA and USec (Ron Hicks) office. TJ and I attended both.

There was a lot of discussion around how to proceed, how to minimize impact on trade, messages for CBP, messages for importers/countries, current seizures at ports, simplification of documents that should be used, etc. as we "proceed".

The upshot is that FSIS will develop an options paper over the weekend at the request of the OSec (David L). Those at the meeting will edit/comment to insure discussion points are covered.

- It is proposed that APHIS will go back to issuing permits under the 'old system' very soon (yes the old system without FSIS involvement)
- It is proposed that APHIS will check with OGC to determine if old/expired permits can be extended for 30-60 days. We'll set up a meeting for Monday morning with OGC to determine the legality of extensions.
- It is proposed that 30-60 days will be used for 'outreach' to educate all importers/countries.
- It is proposed that the new 9 step process will be delayed until a certain date (30-60 days), then implemented so as to minimize the trade impact.
- All current rules and regulations will continue to be enforced; however, FSIS admitted that it would take all their enforcement personnel the next 30 days to investigate the 30 cancelled Chinese permits (so they will be effectively prevented from conducting 'enhanced' enforcement checks).

[In other words, the options to be included in the paper are for how to](#)

handle the backlog of new and renewal permit applications over the next 30-60 days to give FSIS time to inform importers that we will jointly change the permit review process by implementing the "9-step" system that includes FSIS review and approval. The options include: (1) have APHIS resume issuing 1-year permits, but include on the permit the strengthened "Restriction" stating that ingredients must come from approved sources, or (2) have APHIS extend all expired permits (not including the 30 Chinese permits) for 30-60 days.

David L reiterated that it is important to slow down and insure that a "balanced approach is taken that garners acceptance from all government agencies". He is very sensitive to the fact that shipments continue to pile up for cancelled permits and is looking for a way to resume trade immediately, with minimal disruption.

FSIS did accept that the 30 China permits that were cancelled Jan 30 were done at their request, and that they would begin official investigations immediately. Those permits would not immediately be renewed/extended until a full investigation was made. It is possible some could be reissued.

Obviously, there were many nuances during the 2 and a half hours, and I can fill you in on those verbally next week.

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Ed

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Dan

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Subject Re: USDA Permit issue matters.

Dan,

I sent your message to Steve Karli. He will find out from OA if we can renew these permits or if we still need to hold.

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----- Original Message -----

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02/25/2009 03:12 PM

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Subject FW: USDA Permit issue matters.

Mr. Hamilton,

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I and our Government are seriously worrying about the recent restrictions on the Korean products to import to US.

I will appreciate your quick response.

Sincerely,

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Example)

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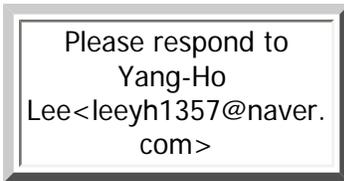
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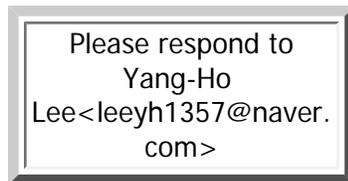
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As soon as we are able to share the outcomes of those meetings we will do so. I will contact you very soon to let you know when we would likely be able to meet.

Thank you for yor patience.

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**From:** Songmoo Heo [heosm@yahoo.com]  
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All,

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**To:** [Bethany X Jones](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [John Clifford](#)  
**cc:** [James C Ivy](#); [Michael R Doerr](#)  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** 02/14/2009 08:17 AM

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Sounds good Beth. I'll be talking to Carol today. I imagine that a release will be developed. As there appears to be an FSIS federal register notice tentatively scheduled for Thursday or later in association with their action, I think its natural to have a departmental press release on this. Probably a release late Tuesday or Wed. We will see.

Ed

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**From:** Bethany X Jones  
**Sent:** 02/14/2009 08:08 AM EST  
**To:** Ed Curlett; Jere Dick; John Clifford  
**Cc:** James Ivy; Michael Doerr  
**Subject:** Re:

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**To:** [John Clifford](#)  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** 02/14/2009 08:05 AM

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No sweat!

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**From:** John Clifford  
**Sent:** 02/14/2009 08:01 AM EST  
**To:** Ed Curlett; Bethany Jones; Jere Dick  
**Cc:** James Ivy; Michael Doerrer  
**Subject:** Re:

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Thanks much. Sorry you are having to work the weekend.

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**To:** Hicks, Ron

**Cc:** Gaston, Beth ; Cindy.Smith@osec.usda.gov ; Hamilton, Clay; Wetzel, Howard; Larry.M.Granger@aphis.usda.gov ; Sheikh, Pat; Derfler, Philip ; Sharon.M.Coursey@aphis.usda.gov ; Bill.Clay@aphis.usda.gov ; John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov

**Sent:** Thu Feb 05 17:07:08 2009

**Subject:** RE:

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**cc:** [Gaston, Beth](#); [Bill Clay](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [John Clifford](#); [Sharon M Coursey](#)  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Date:** 02/05/2009 04:44 PM

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Pretty amazing.....haven't seen your comments yet.

I am not sure it will prove fruitful for me to point out at this juncture, so I will defer to your good judgement and weigh the current politics. But the tone of these is clearly that APHIS failed to do our job with respect to poultry. The last sentence of bullet #5 is totally inaccurate from my perspective. The products were treated as being under 9CFR381.15 of FSIS regulations for 2% or less product.....that is why the statement on the permit was issued asking them to contact FSIS, and why they were copied on each permit.

I do agree that if they are changing approach to deflect this away from the appropriation language, that they should not focus on China.

Let me know if you would like for me to weigh-in. Thanks

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**Subject:** RE:  
**Date:** 02/05/2009 05:07 PM

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their LPA folks involved.

- Everyone was to meet in 231-E at 1:00 pm again. I went to the room and it was empty. In talking to the FSIS COS, apparently David L had just returned to the building and Bryce had not yet visited with him so the meeting was cancelled. I told her that I would be in my office this afternoon when they were ready to meet again.

For now, APHIS awaits their lead. I have talked to staff several times today and we are ready to begin permitting again when we receive word. In addition, we have received the name of two FSIS employees as contacts for permit information clearance, and we have given them two employees from VS.

Bill Clay attended. Bill anything else I missed?

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**Subject:** REQUEST: Follow-up to conference call PENDING APPROVAL BY SECRETARY  
**Date:** 02/27/2009 02:55 PM

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Dear Maureen:

I'd like to provide the most current information at my disposal regarding the disposition of the 30 permits (original 29 +1 more recent finding) that APHIS cancelled. Veterinary Services and FSIS have carefully reviewed the 30 cancelled permits to determine if any of the imports that shipped on those permits could be allowed entry into the United States. Based on that review, we have determined that 2 permits (C-3916 and C-8678) were for products sourced from poultry of U.S. origin. The Administrators of FSIS and APHIS are currently reviewing the eligibility of these products; once they reach a final determination, APHIS is prepared to reissue these 2 permits. In the top right corner of each permit, the same permit number will appear with the word "renewed" under it. There will also be a statement under "Restrictions" in the body of the permit indicating that this permit was reinstated. No other permits are being considered for reissuance at this time.

Moving forward, APHIS and FSIS have developed new procedures to ensure that products issued permits to enter the United States meet both APHIS and FSIS requirements. First, all APHIS permits will include, under "Restrictions", the following language:

\*\*\*Importer is also responsible for obtaining any required authorization from the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Meat, poultry, or egg product ingredients used in FSIS-exempted products must be prepared under USDA, FSIS inspection or under a foreign inspection system approved by FSIS. Contact FSIS via e-mail at: [permits@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:permits@fsis.usda.gov) or by telephone at: **888 287 7194** for information regarding approved foreign inspection systems and foreign establishments approved by FSIS to export to

the United States. A list of countries eligible to import meat, poultry or egg products

is published on the FSIS web site at the following address: \_

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Countries\\_Products\\_Eligible\\_for\\_Export.pdf](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Countries_Products_Eligible_for_Export.pdf)

Finally, APHIS and FSIS are instituting the following procedures to ensure that APHIS, VS import permits for commodities that contain meat, poultry, or egg products used in FSIS-exempted products (i.e., less than 2%), are prepared under USDA, FSIS inspection or under a foreign inspection system approved by FSIS.

1. NCIE will review new import permit applications and renewals to determine if the application/renewal is for any commodity that contains any type of meat, poultry or egg product that is for human consumption.
2. If a determination is made that the application or renewal request is for such a product, the applicant will be entered into the ePermits system and assigned a reference number.
3. All processing of the application will stop by NCIE
4. NCIE will forward to that applicant a letter informing them that they must first contact FSIS.
5. NCIE will at the same time will forward a copy of that letter to FSIS with the aforementioned reference number.
6. Once FSIS makes a determination on the eligibility of the FSIS regulated product, FSIS will email to NCIE the results of that determination using the reference number issued by ePermits
7. If approved by FSIS, NCIE will continue to process the import permit application or its renewal.
8. If not approved, NCIE will issue a letter, stating the reasons why the import permit cannot be approved or renewed
9. NCIE will continue to forward to FSIS copies of all approved import permits, new and renewals, containing FSIS regulated products.

APHIS and FSIS are in the process of preparing a more comprehensive overview of these issues, including the disposition of shipments refused entry. That overview is currently under APHIS and FSIS review; once that review is complete, I will forward the overview to you.

Please provide this information to our partners in DHS/CBP, as promised during the teleconference call this morning. I would like to re-iterate, a decision is still pending related to final interpretation on the FSIS definition of poultry at this time.

As always, thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** REQUEST: Joint FSIS-APHIS notice to CPB on disposition of shipments..china  
**Date:** 03/05/2009 08:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [Joint FSIS-APHIS notice to CPB on disposition of shipments-china Homeland Security2-27-09y.doc](#)

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Gentlemen,

APHIS works closely with CBP to provide 'official' notification of events after we verbally notify them of actions that are necessary at ports. Last week we were ready to send this notice to CBP through PPQ/VRS confirming action taken on Chinese Permits January 30, 2009. The letter was developed by APHIS and FSIS technical staffs and cleared by OGC. Since a decision was still pending on the whole permit issue, we held this written notice in abeyance until a final decision was made this week.....in order to avoid any possible confusion within CBP.

We should all take a look at it again because of the pending actions that will be taken today. If it needs tweaking to clarify our position, and avoid any confusion, I would suggest that our respective LPA contacts in both FSIS/APHIS take a look at it and are comfortable with it. ( I'll emphasize again, this letter was written to address the Chinese Permits that were cancelled.)



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**Subject:** Request: Technical Contact Point for Permits in FSIS  
**Date:** 03/04/2009 11:43 AM

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Gentlemen,

APHIS/VS is making preparations to issue/re-issue animal product permits as soon as we are given the green light by the Office of the Secretary. We have determined that access can be granted to our APHIS e-permits system without having to have someone physically move into our building in Riverdale. Obviously, all reports and systems are not yet fully developed, but we believe we can make it work in the interim. This collaborative work should also serve as a good proving ground for future changes we both might like to see to the system.

Therefore, it would be very helpful if we could get the FSIS technical point of contact(s) for all future work on permit issuance as soon as possible today. We have been working with Mary Stanley as our FSIS policy point of contact thus far, but want to be sure of your official designee(s) for the large volume of work that will occur daily regarding actual permit issuance.

Once you supply me with the name (or names if you want backup), I will have our folks contact them and begin to get them access to the system asap.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** Resumption of permitting - initial actions  
**Date:** 03/19/2009 10:34 AM

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Hi John, Jere, et. al.: Below I have updated the agreed upon permitting framework to show the revised dates for the 90 day period. The steps being taken by APHIS this morning are:

1. APHIS is beginning to review and issue permits for the backlog of applications that has been accumulating (211 at last count). We will track the number and types of permits we issue and report on progress.
2. APHIS will reissue the 2 Chinese permits found by FSIS to be from an approved US source. We are notifying the remaining 28 Chinese entities (by phone and letter) of their opportunity to reapply.
3. APHIS has released the letter to CBP regarding the disposition options for the Chinese products on hold at the ports. We are asking CBP if it is possible for them to track and report back to us on those disposition actions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

TJ

The updated framework:

All expired APHIS permits will, per the Secretary's recommendation, be extended for approximately 90 days, to Friday, June 19, 2009. These extensions will be issued through e-Permit. APHIS and FSIS will send a cover letter with the extension that states that information about the source of the product will need to be provided to FSIS after June 19.

- Any permits that expire during the 90 day extension will be extended for 90 days by APHIS. APHIS wants to avoid having an overwhelming number of permits to deal with on June 19.

- Two letters will be sent to Custom and Border Protection. One, prepared by FSIS, will tell CBP not to make any changes with respect to product containing meat, poultry, or egg products from how it is currently operating. The other, prepared by APHIS, will tell CBP about what to do with respect to Chinese product held at ports (i.e., re-export or destroy).
- APHIS will make only one change in how it handles applications for new permits during the 90 extension period. Applications for permits that are otherwise acceptable that are received by APHIS during the 90 days will be granted for one year. The only change is that the permit will contain the new language on attestations that FSIS and APHIS have developed.
- APHIS will issue new permits for the two Chinese products for which the permits were cancelled but that have been found by FSIS to be made with US source chicken. These permits will be for a year and will contain the new language. For the products that were the subject of the other 28 cancelled permits, the responsible parties will be told to reapply. If the parties do, their applications will be treated like all other applications received at the time that the applications are received by APHIS.
- Mr. Lazarus will need to decide how to advise the TRPG of the various steps that are being taken by the agencies.
- FSIS and APHIS will begin their outreach efforts. The communications plan will be implemented during the 90 day period.
- At the end of the 90 days, that is, beginning on or about June 22, for products containing small amounts of meat or poultry, FSIS and APHIS will begin their new collaborative arrangements on permit applications. FSIS will verify that the meat or poultry comes from an approved source.
- For egg products, until further notice from FSIS, APHIS will extend permits or grant new permit applications in the same manner it has traditionally done for a period of several months while FSIS makes certain necessary changes to its program. The only change that APHIS will make is

that the permits will have the language that it will be using during the 90 day period in permits for meat and poultry products.

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Michael-

We've gotten a couple of questions from OA about the CBP presentation. Could you all work with Maurine Bell on the answers? On pages 4 and 5, the tables on "Impact by Top Ports of Entry" and "Impact by Top Trading Partners", do the numbers in the total value column add up to the \$9.8 billion, and if not, why? I suspect that it's that the charts only capture top ports and partners, rather than all of them. This is highly visible and I hate to make wrong assumptions. We need to provide the explanation for the "total value" column for both charts.

And since the meeting could be at any time, it's a "respond as soon as possible".

Thanks,

Catherine

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Kevin/John -

Between a letter from Senator McCaskill to the Secretary opposing NAIS and the fact that R-CALF is heavily hitting the Hill with misinformation, the Senate is getting only one side of the story. We are proposing that we hold a briefing for all Senate Ag LAs to provide the facts, like we did on the House side before the hearing. We'd coordinate the briefing through Senator Harkin's staff (who have recently called asking about NAIS status). We'd have to run this idea up through OCR/OSEC, but wanted to get your thoughts first.....?

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It was my impression that most of the list below had already been shared with USTR and NSC. If they haven't or they need to be significantly reworked I'm happy to stick with my first request, a copy of the letter that was sent to the exporters. During the meeting, I saw the list APHIS was looking at which listed countries which could be affected, and I think this would be very useful for us to understand the gravity of this problem.

Ann

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Clay,

Who should I be contacting for additional information regarding this low quantity meat import issue?

I'm going to be asking for quite a few items including at least the letter to exporters, the summary list of countries, the list of facilities affected, and the draft federal register notice.

Thanks, Ann

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Hello everyone,  
Sorry for the delay. Here are talking points/Q and As attached and pasted. I've ascended to the stratosphere in order to stay out of the develish weeds. Shoot me your comments, changes and suggestions and I will incorporate. There is one question that I do not have an answer for. Questions of food safety go to FSIS.

Carol Blake from FSIS indicates it will be tomorrow or Monday before she has a strategy ready. She did say that a press release was not in the works as they want to keep this low key even though it is a big deal. I will forward any documents I receive from FSIS.

Thank you Jere for taking my calls.

#### APHIS Talking Points On The Importation of Products Containing Meat and Poultry Ingredients

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Q. Why does product destined for human consumption need an APHIS VS permit to enter the United States?

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Q. How many countries have FSIS equivalent status?

A. Nine. Australia, Canada, Chile, France, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Israel, Mexico, and New Zealand.

Q. How much product will be affected by the cancelation of these permits?

A.?

Q. How was the chicken bouillon shipment from China discovered?

A. On January 27, FSIS contacted APHIS regarding a shipment of granulated chicken bouillon from China. The shipment entered with a valid VS permit and an export veterinary health certificate meeting APHIS regulations. CBP had questions, stopped the shipment, and contacted FSIS. FSIS refused entry because the chicken bouillon did not meet FSIS import requirements.

Q. Is human health in the United States jeopardized as a result of imports that occurred that did not meet FSIS requirements?

A. FSIS.

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TJ,

I am not sure you are aware. Larry called late this evening and said that he just realized he had made his travel arrangements back to Ft. Collins for tomorrow morning, and not Saturday. He asked what he should do, and I indicated that he should go ahead and go home since he was ticketed for tomorrow morning..... a little late to change.

With that in mind, I may need you to come down tomorrow if things get as crazy as they have been with the China Poultry issue the past two days. The Secretary is planning on meeting the Ambassador at 10 am. For now, I know you have a boat load of things to do there in Riverdale so just plan on going to Riverdale and I will play it by ear here.

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We just finished two consecutive meetings over the past 2 and a half hours on the Meat, Poultry, and Egg product permitting process. The first was a more technical level discussion with FSIS, APHIS, and FAS. The second included David Lazarus and representatives from the FSIS OA and USec (Ron Hicks) office. TJ and I attended both.

There was a lot of discussion around how to proceed, how to minimize impact on trade, messages for CBP, messages for importers/countries, current seizures at ports, simplification of documents that should be used, etc. as we "proceed".

The upshot is that FSIS will develop an options paper over the weekend at the request of the OSec (David L). Those at the meeting will edit/comment to insure discussion points are covered.

- It is proposed that APHIS will go back to issuing permits under the 'old system' very soon (yes the old system without FSIS involvement)
- It is proposed that APHIS will check with OGC to determine if old/expired permits can be extended for 30-60 days. We'll set up a meeting for Monday morning with OGC to determine the legality of extensions.
- It is proposed that 30-60 days will be used for 'outreach' to educate all importers/countries.
- It is proposed that the new 9 step process will be delayed until a certain date (30-60 days), then implemented so as to minimize the trade impact.
- All current rules and regulations will continue to be enforced; however, FSIS admitted that it would take all their enforcement personnel the next 30 days to investigate the 30 cancelled Chinese permits (so they will be effectively prevented from conducting 'enhanced' enforcement checks).

David L reiterated that it is important to slow down and insure that a "balanced approach is taken that garners acceptance from all government agencies". He is very sensitive to the fact that shipments continue to pile

up for cancelled permits and is looking for a way to resume trade immediately, with minimal disruption.

FSIS did accept that the 30 China permits that were cancelled Jan 30 were done at their request, and that they would begin official investigations immediately. Those permits would not immediately be renewed/extended until a full investigation was made. It is possible some could be reissued.

Obviously, there were many nuances during the 2 and a half hours, and I can fill you in on those verbally next week.

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Jane-

Here is the updated paper that addresses your questions-



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Best,

Catherine

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Jane-

Here is the updated paper. Jere is bringing extras to teh meeting. It's updated to address the questions about the numbers in the CBP charts-



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These points are the same as in the paper-

## **Impact of Cancellation of Additional (Non-China) Permits February 25, 2009**

### **Summary of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) PowerPoint**

- Overall, CBP found 390 distinct commodities in the categories of products that might be covered if additional permits are cancelled for products with less than 2 percent meat ingredients. Imports of all these commodities totaled \$9.8 billion in FY 2008.
- The numbers in the charts on pages 4 and 5 do not add up to the \$9.8 billion as the numbers only include the top ports of entry and trading partners. CBP developed the two charts based on their searches of trade databases for the various commodities identified on the list that was provided to them by APHIS. Based on harmonized tariff schedule (HTS) codes they identified 390 commodities resulting in a total trade of \$9.8 billion affecting approximately 16,000 importers; 163 ports of entry, and 169 countries of origin. [The HTS codes describe all goods in trade for duty, quota, and statistical purposes and are administered by U.S. International Trade Commission. This structure is based upon the international Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS).]

- Of the 390 commodities, CBP identified 256 importers of record from the list provided by APHIS that imported these commodities. The 256 importers bring in products worth \$1.04 billion in trade which is 11% of the \$9.8 billion. These imports arrive via 74 ports of entry, and from 62 countries.
- CBP would have to review 18,688 bills of lading (import documents), which is 10% of the 178,703 total bills of lading to ascertain exactly what the products contained.
- The permits to be cancelled represent 11 percent of that total, or \$1.04 billion.
- These cancelled permits involve 256 importers of record, including 10 Custom-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) shippers with a high security clearance (such as Campbell Soup Co.). These 10 shippers represent between 25 and 40 percent of the 256 importers' products.
- The cancellation will impact various companies, manufacturers, and other products downstream, potentially resulting in closings of plants and stores.
- A total of 74 ports of entry and 62 countries of origin would be affected.
  - The top three ports affected are Los Angeles, New York, and Philadelphia.
  - The top two countries affected by the cancellation of additional permits are Thailand and Mexico.
- The FSIS proposal will place a burden on CBP resources. The primary challenge will be the examination of all shipments. Because of the additional time needed to inspect and sort shipments, both incoming vessels (ships and planes) and vehicles that transport imported goods (trucks and rail) will have extended waits at the ports of entry.

### **Potential Impact on Port Operations of Additional Permit Cancellations**

- The cancellation of a large number of import permits will add a major burden to CBP's port operations.
- For example, a 40-foot ocean container can hold approximately 67,200 pounds of product, all of which may not be subject to FSIS or APHIS regulations. Currently, most shipments are cleared for entry by CBP review of all import documentation—a process that takes about an hour.
- If a shipment is refused entry, either the entire container can be destroyed or re-exported, or the shipment can be sorted to separate products that are eligible for entry from those that are not. To sort the shipments, the

container would have to be moved to a CBP Centralized Examination Site, the contents removed, and the products physically sorted.

- This process will require significant additional time by CBP. Additional personnel would need to be deployed to assist CBP with this effort.
- If FSIS requests APHIS to cancel these permits, the above process would take place at 74 ports of entry. Identifying shipments covered by cancelled permits and handling the rejected shipments would effectively shut down the port system and divert CBP resources from APHIS-regulated commodities that pose a greater risk, both animal and plant.
- Added costs to the importer are estimated to be at least \$1000 per shipment.

Best,

Catherine

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Hello everyone,

Please find attached and pasted an updated version of the talking points/Q and As. Once everyone is comfortable I will send to Carol Blake for FSIS review. I will also check with Carol on the status of the communications strategy and any relevant documents APHIS should review. Thanks.

Ed

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A. FSIS.

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Bill, Just FYI.

The communication plan action items have been completed and the calls have gone well. I believe we are now 'over the hump' and we are moving forward with the June 22, 2009 implementation changes with FSIS.

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