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From: [Karen A James-Preston](#)
To: [Steven McDermott](#)
Subject: RE: APHIS Permits
Date: 02/17/2009 07:15 AM

Steve,

What is the status of the language (800 numbers and the email address for FSIS) you are drafting for APHIS to add to the letters we send out when we cancel permits?

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Subject: RE: APHIS Permits
Date: 03/31/2009 12:08 PM

Dear Dr. James-Preston:

I really do appreciate the attention which FSIS and APHIS have given to this matter. However, what I am asking from the bureaucracy is to try to put yourselves in the place of both importers and U.S. Customs and Border Protection [CBP]. In my position as a lawyer who has worked for both CBP, who now represents importers, and who has over 30 years of experience, I know better than most how both of these groups think and work.

First, when importers, and especially those originally from other countries whose native language is not English, see a document which states, in part, that it is a "Permit for Importation," it makes little difference to them what the rest of this "Permit" states. The word "permit" connotes that the document provides permission to import. That is why the use of that term is confusing and MUST be changed. Your note to me simply provides no rationale or reason for maintaining the use of that word.

Second, while APHIS cannot control the color used by recipients of documents when they are downloaded and printed, APHIS can and should TRANSMIT the cautionary or warning portions in them in red or a similar contrasting color, so those portions will be noticed. Please do not advise me that this cannot be done. It can be done and any responsible information technology person can assist APHIS in accomplishing this task. This cautionary language MUST also be placed somewhere on the first page of the APHIS documents, either at the top or bottom, in either bold, all capital letters, italics or some other method calculated to draw the reader's attention to it.

Third, I appreciate that APHIS has recently made changes in the cautionary or warning language in the documents it issues. I particularly appreciate

the reference to the chart of approved countries on the FSIS website, as well as the identification of the FSIS website and telephone number. Unfortunately, the actual warning language is still not clear and will result in importers continuing to be confused. It is not at all clear to me why the language cannot be simpler. Instead of using the passive voice in the phrase, "Importer is also responsible for," the warning language should consist of short sentences written in the active voice clearly alerting importers to the specific responsibilities they must exercise. I continue to suggest something similar to the following: "This document does not provide an unconditional right to import the products named therein. Before importing the named products, importers must first check with the Food Safety and Inspection Service [FSIS] at USDA to insure that it has approved both the country and manufacturing plant for exports to the United States." Then provide the information on the chart and how to reach FSIS.

Finally, with respect to the responsibilities exercised by CBP, the client I am currently representing was bringing chicken bouillon into the U.S. for five years on valid APHIS permits and having it released by CBP without either China and/or the manufacturing plant involved being approved by FSIS. Certainly, any reasonable person must conclude that there is a problem with CBP's ability to administer the APHIS and FSIS requirements. The "bottom line" is that, given CBP's current priorities and increased responsibilities, it simply does not have the resources to properly administer and enforce most of the laws for which it has responsibility. I will try to be concise in explaining this problem further below.

Starting approximately 20 years ago, imports into the U.S. and exports from the U.S. started to increase exponentially, to the point where CBP was unable to have its inspectors and import specialists physically examine or sample each container or even look at the entry documents. They were forced to adopt completely different systems to inspect and clear goods, including but not limited to risk analysis, and the increased use of computers. Today, the vast majority of Customs entries are filed electronically and most are judged to be low-risk and are put on "bypass," which results in the duty being finalized or liquidated without them EVER being scrutinized for compliance with laws administered by other agencies.

Further complicating CBP's mission is the fact that since September 11, 2001, the major function of the agency has nothing to do with duty-assessment and collection or the enforcement of laws administered by other agencies. Rather, almost anyone at CBP will advise you that the agency's major function is now the protection of homeland security and the prevention of terrorism. Increasingly, this function consumes a disproportionate amount of CBP's resources.

On top of all of the above, over the last several years, various interest groups have lobbied Congress, and it has acquiesced, in passing laws which CBP is expected to enforce. The policy considerations supporting the passage of the vast majority of these laws clearly warrant enactment of enforcement measures. However, even with an increase in resources, which has not been forthcoming, these laws are so complicated that Customs [or any other agency] cannot properly administer them. These laws include those relating to patents, trademarks and copyrights, those relating to consumer protection [e.g. the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act], and the new additions to the Lacey Act requiring importers to report on the origin and species of all plant products contained in imported products.

In sum, what I am telling you honestly and candidly, is that no agency should rely mostly or entirely on CBP to enforce its laws at the border because it just can't do the job. Nor will most people at CBP admit to this conclusion, because: First, they are proud of their heritage of enforcing laws at the border, and; second, because it is embarrassing to admit that they cannot properly perform a function which, previously, they performed with relative ease. Is it not better for the lead agency involved [in this case APHIS] to take proper preventative measures, rather than to have CBP catch only a small fraction of violations at the border? The answer is obvious.

So, in closing, I again ask APHIS to do everything in its power to halt the confusion by doing the following:

1. Cease using the phrase "Permit for Importation" in its documents
2. Make the warning or cautionary language simple and easy to understand
3. Place the warning or cautionary language in a conspicuous place

in a manner which is designed to actually alert the reader to its presence

The confusion caused by the APHIS documents has been occurring for many years and, shockingly, I was advised by personnel at FSIS that they have known about this problem for at least 15 years. Yet, until recently little or no corrective action has taken place. Now, I receive a letter advising that some action has been taken, but which, in my considered judgment, will not completely resolve this matter. Accordingly, I ask again that APHIS take the final step by agreeing to the above three suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration and courtesy in the above matter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fw: APHIS Permits

Dear Mr. Shulman,

Thank you for your e-mail concerning the confusion in the trade community related to the differences between the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regarding the importation of food stuffs containing small amounts of meat, poultry and/or egg product ingredients for human consumption. Your email was forwarded to me for response and I appreciate this opportunity to alleviate the confusion.

As you are now aware, both APHIS and FSIS regulate the importation of meat, poultry and/or egg products. APHIS regulates the importation of these products for animal health concerns and FSIS regulates the importation of these products for public health concerns. While certain meat, poultry and/or egg products may be considered FSIS exempted products, they must still meet FSIS' approved sourcing requirements.

When APHIS issues an import permit "Veterinary Services (VS) Form 16-6", "UNITED STATES VETERINARY PERMIT FOR IMPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF CONTROLLED MATERIALS AND ORGANISMS AND VECTORS", it is not an unconditional permit. The permit outlines conditions "restrictions and precautions" that the importer needs to meet in order to import the product. On the permit below the material description there is a bold heading that reads "Restrictions and Precautions for Transporting and Handling Materials and All Derivatives."

The first restriction/precaution is the permittee's certification that the imported material will be used in accordance with all the restrictions and precautions specified on the permit. This certified by the permittee's signature. We disagree that changing the title of the import permit may alleviate confusion. The permittee is responsible for meeting all restrictions and precautions contained on the permit.

Previously, APHIS issued import permits for meat, poultry and/or egg ingredients with a precaution that read: "*The importer is responsible for*

obtaining any required authorization from the USDA, FSIS. FSIS may have specific public health requirements apart from USDA animal health requirements. Importer to contact (202) 720-9904.” Often times this precaution was printed on the second page of the import permit. Restrictions and precautions are placed in a specific order on import permits. The first precaution is the signature of the permittee; the second precaution is foreign government documents that must accompany each import and that the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection port inspectors are required to inspect, then the rest of the precautions are listed. While no precaution is more important than another, the port inspectors have requested that what they need to inspect be placed first after the permittee’s signature. With regard to using red ink, our ePermits system allows us to e-mail completed permits to importers and they print them out. Our system does not generate the color used by permittees.

APHIS and FSIS agreed that the more conditional FSIS language should be placed on import permits. Therefore, APHIS currently (effective March 09) issues import permits for small amounts of meat, poultry and/or egg product ingredients with the precaution that reads, *“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 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 export meat, poultry or egg products to the U.S. is published on the FSIS web site at the following address: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Countries_Products_Eligible_for_Export.pdf”* This precaution is usually located on the top of page two of the APHIS import permit.

APHIS and FSIS both believe this language will assist importers of meat, poultry and/or egg products to meet both APHIS and FSIS import requirements. As you can see, it provides the importer with an FSIS contact telephone and e-mail address.

In addition, those importers who have had their permit renewal requests placed on hold, are having their permits issued with a 90 day “grace period”

to come into compliance with FSIS regulations. Please be advised that after June 19, 2009, FSIS will evaluate all applications for FSIS exempted food products containing small amounts of meat, poultry and/or egg product ingredients to determine if the product meets FSIS requirements prior to APHIS issuance.

Once again, APHIS appreciates this opportunity to clear up confusion and we believe that our joint efforts with FSIS will accomplish this. If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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To: [Michael J David](#)
cc: [Jack A Shere](#); [Thomas J Myers](#)
Subject: Re: APHIS-FSIS meeting summary (April 13, 2009)
Date: 04/15/2009 06:42 AM

Thanks Michael. I hope you are well.

▼ [Michael J David](#)

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

From: Michael J David

Sent: 04/14/2009 08:41 PM EDT

To: Jere Dick

Cc: Jack Shere; Thomas Myers

Subject: APHIS-FSIS meeting summary (April 13, 2009)

Jere,

Attached is the summary of yesterday's meeting with FSIS. I know it was due at the end of the day yesterday, but I had to leave early and also had to stay home today. Feel free to change, add, or delete any of the text, particularly for those agenda items where I have only peripheral knowledge.

Thanks,

Michael

[attachment "APHIS-FSIS Meeting Summary 13Apr2009.doc" deleted by Jere L Dick/MD/APHIS/USDA]

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cc: [John Clifford](#); [Bill Clay](#)
Subject: Re: Are poultry shipments still being held up?
Date: 03/16/2009 04:47 PM

Clay, we have not yet received the go ahead to process permits to my knowledge. Therefore, all the previously cancelled permits and those that are expiring daily are likely the problem. We are getting pressed very hard by CBP to let them know of a decision also.

We are awaiting a "go" at this time.

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From: [Sharon M Coursey](#)
To: [Jere L Dick](#)
Subject: Re: As Requested: Summary of Imported Poultry Products From China
Date: 01/28/2009 07:03 AM

Thanks Jere. And you've definitely hit the nail on the head as far as I'm concerned re the parts of the story that weren't making sense. We've given Kevin a head's up

▼ [Jere L Dick](#)

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

From: Jere L Dick
Sent: 01/27/2009 04:48 PM EST
To: Larry Granger; Michael Doerrer
Cc: Sharon Fisher; Catherine Fulton; John Clifford; Thomas Myers
Subject: Fw: As Requested: Summary of Imported Poultry Products From China
As discussed,

I just came from a meeting with Administrator Almanza, FSIS, and Bill Clay, Acting Associate Administrator. Almanza has already gone to the Secretary about this and given him a heads-up, and we will need to scramble our troops to get the information I talked about with you prepared. The Secretary indicated that he was going to call DeLaurio and let her know about the shipment(s) at some point. I suspect she will not be understanding of how this could happen.

Please determine:

1. The number of Certificates (Import Permits) issued for importation of Poultry Products since the DeLaurio bill was passed disallowing poultry/products importation from China (about September 2007 according to Almanza). We will need to have a list (and copy) of the Permit Numbers/Companies/etc.
2. The number of shipments, total product, product type, import date, etc. related to those issued Certificates.

Obviously, we need to immediately stop issuing these permits. Obviously, this will take collaborative work with VRS and FSIS, and others.

I suggest you also meet immediately with FSIS (and FDA, if necessary) to identify a way to prevent this from happening again. I don't know why we

would need to rely upon FSIS personal notification of NCIE for FSIS "listed plants" when they are on their website??.....but I may be missing something in that regard.

I would like to shoot for having all the information here by noon tomorrow. Thanks!

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Subject As Requested: Summary of Imported Poultry Products From China

Hi Bill,

Here is a brief summary of the Chicken Bouillon issue we spoke about this afternoon.

- NCIE was recently contacted by Steve McDermott, Executive Associate, Office of Internal Affairs, FSIS regarding VS Permit #C-8555 issued for Granulated Chicken Bouillon from China. The shipment entered with a valid VS Permit and an export veterinary health certificate meeting APHIS regulations. All commercial VS permits for meat products have the following language: "
Importer is

responsible for obtaining any required authorization from the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). FSIS may have specific public health requirements apart from USDA's animal health requirements. Importer to contact [(202) 720-6400]".

- FSIS refused entry of the shipment of chicken bouillon because it did not meet their import requirements outlined in FSIS regulation [9 CFR 381.15(a)(3)], that both FDA and FSIS amenable imported poultry products must be sourced from poultry slaughtered in the U.S. or in another country having an equivalent poultry slaughter inspection program (today those countries are Canada, Chile, France, and Israel).
- Prior to 2008, there were FSIS approved facilities in China for poultry meat. However, FSIS delisted all Chinese facilities sometime in 2008. Therefore, the Chinese facility at which the bouillon was produced no longer meets FSIS regulations. APHIS-VS does not have a record of notification of delisting.
- Followup with FSIS indicates that in 2008, after Chinese facilities were delisted by FSIS, FSIS took action on several Chinese shipments by detaining product.
- Until recently, the importer involved in this case has voluntarily destroyed product that FSIS deemed ineligible. But now, the law firm representing the shipper of the bouillon advised FSIS that their client has several thousand pounds on voluntary hold and would like to re-export the product back to China in lieu of destroying.
- On Friday, January 16, 2009, FSIS met with Foley & Lardner law firm regarding this shipment. The client, (Kari-Out Co., New Jersey) had previously imported Chicken Base, Chicken Bouillon, and other chicken products from a company in Shanghai, China under a VS permit. This

imported product had been amenable to FSIS and met both APHIS and FSIS requirements.

- APHIS has no issue with the company re-exporting the product. Their ability to do so depends on FSIS.
- Meanwhile, APHIS and FSIS are meeting to discuss this specific situation and discuss in general how we can work together to prevent future shipments of non eligible product from entering the U.S. The law firm provided FSIS with samples of their client's product as well as samples of similar poultry products being imported into the U.S.
- FSIS did meet with APHIS in Riverdale over a year ago and presented the same issue, and an additional recommendation (In addition to the importer's responsibility to call FSIS) was tendered to incorporate a function in ePermits were the application would go to FSIS before APHIS could draft the final permit. This function would allow FSIS time to determine whether the product was amenable or not before APHIS issued the permit. However, FSIS never proceeded with the project because they could not determine how it was going to be funded. The FSIS DC Office is currently copied on the permit distribution.
- VS issues permits based on animal health concerns, not human health concerns. However, we try very hard to work with our sister agencies FSIS and FDA when drafting permits by placing language on the permits to inform importers to contact the appropriate Agency(s).
- Based on the fact that this product does not meet FSIS requirements, they will take the lead on disposition.
- Dr. Karen James Preston, NCIE Director, will meet again with Steve McDermott to determine a way forward regarding the permit process.

We will not only be meeting with our FSIS counterparts, but we are also working to compile a list of valid APHIS import permits for poultry products from China that need to meet FSIS requirements; we will forward that list to them as soon as possible.

If you have any other questions, we'll be glad to discuss.

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Subject: RE: Calls re import permits
Date: 03/27/2009 05:17 PM

Thanks for letting me know. I have copied our policy group and will likely have one of them participate when you get it set up.

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cc: [Jere L Dick](#); [Gary S Colgrove](#); [Michael R Doerr](#); [Ed C Curlett](#); [Michael J David](#)
Subject: RE: Calls re import permits
Date: 03/27/2009 05:21 PM

Karen, Gary and Jack - heads up for next week.
TJ

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Subject RE: Calls re import permits

That sounds great.

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: CEM call action items
Date: 01/28/2009 06:20 PM
Attachments: [CEM Call Action Items.doc](#)

Hi Freeda, Jacek, Ellen,

Question from NASAHO call today:

Do APHIS import requirements require an infected mare to be ovariectomized (in any of the current regs or proposed regs)?

Someone from trade staff needs to be on next week's nasaho cem call

Thanks,

Jon

▼ [Hallie Zimmers/MD/APHIS/USDA](#)

**Hallie Zimmers/MD/
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01/28/2009 05:13 PM

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Subject CEM call action items

Attached is a short list of the action items from today's CEM call. There were a lot of technical terms thrown around on today's call, so I apologize if I've misstated anything, but hopefully you'll get the gist. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Hallie



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Date: 01/29/2009 07:19 PM

Just got home....bb is working. Thanks, will talk to him in the morning.

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Sent: 01/29/2009 06:37 PM EST
To: Jere Dick
Subject: Fw: chicken

Just fyi and am sure you'll receive fr john soon too. Thanks for everything and don't know if you have a working bb yet!

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Subject

China - Info on amount and value
of imports associated with cancelled
permits(Document link: Thomas J
Myers)

Dear Ron -

At our phone conference yesterday, you asked us to see if APHIS had any information on the amount (by weight) and value of the shipments of China origin poultry products containing less than 2%meat that have entered the US under the 29 permits prior to their cancellation. The table below reflects the information we were able to collect through the ACE database (through CBP). Please note that there were 8 companies affected, with a number of shipments coming in under each permit.

Please treat the information below as proprietary and not to be shared outside FSIS. Please contact Karen James-Preston if you have any questions about these data.

TJ

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Subject: Re: China - Info on amount and value of imports associated with
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Dear Ron -

At our phone conference yesterday, you asked us to see if APHIS had any information on the amount (by weight) and value of the shipments of China origin poultry products containing less than 2%meat that have entered the US under the 29 permits prior to their cancellation. The table below reflects the information we were able to collect through the ACE database (through CBP). Please note that there were 8 companies affected, with a number of shipments coming in under each permit.

Please treat the information below as proprietary and not to be shared outside FSIS. Please contact Karen James-Preston if you have any questions about these data.

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [John Clifford](#)
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It is Tuesday morning from 9-12. I'll just try and catch the next one(s). Last year I tried to attend all three, and each time cancelled at the last minute because of some animal health emergency. Just the nature of the job, I guess.

Will be fine, as long as my supervisor doesn't hold me to doing it because it is on my IDP.....:-)

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Date: 02/03/2009 02:59 PM

Nice to talk to you again Ron. As discussed on our call, your point of contact on this issue is Dr. Larry Granger, Acting Director of National Animal Health Programs and Policy at 301-734-5881. I have given him a heads-up that you will be calling and they can provide you with updated spreadsheets. I have requested that he coordinate a group session with all involved to insure that all agencies are on the same page with their talking points, and that a consensus is reached regarding our discussions of the topic.

There is still the need to reach a policy decision within USDA regarding "eggs" and "pet food" permits. I know that the APHIS Administrator's Office is in discussions with OGC as well regarding the appropriations language.

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Ron, I have not recieved a contact from you for FDA as yet, understandable given everything going on so far. I did talk with Jere Dick and will need to be his representative at any meeting held to strategize this issue (the briefing) tomorrow, so I need the memo that describes the time and place for this meeting. I believe you said it was taking place at 8 AM. I am looking forward to meeting you.

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Subject: Re: China update
Date: 02/05/2009 09:52 AM
Importance: High
Attachments: [20090206 Vilsack-Ambo TeleCon BM.doc](#)
[China Poultry Imports & Exports.doc](#)
[Meat imports update for OA 2-5-09vsda.doc](#)

Sharon-

I checked with LPA this morning, and they had not yet heard back from OCR about their request to delay the meeting until next week so that Kevin and John could attend the briefing. I did give Christine Jones some possibilities for the meeting based on John's schedule, and she was going to call OA to see when Kevin would be available.

Here is the summary paper that recaps the current situation with poultry & poultry product imports from China-



Meat imports update for OA 2-5-09vsda.doc

In addition, we thought that the following attachments would be helpful.

FAS Briefing Memo



20090206 Vilsack-Ambo TeleCon BM.doc

Trade Table



China Poultry Imports & Exports.doc

Best regards,

Catherine

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Subject Re: China update

Thank you, Catherine, including the status of the Hill briefing as well,
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cc: [Dr. Kristin Schmitz](#)
Subject: Re: China
Date: 01/30/2009 01:15 PM

Lynn,

Thanks for the clarification

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Subject Re: China

Karen, thanks - pls note that Oswaldo Perez is the US foreign Service Officer (Not a national) who heads the APHIS office in Beojing.).

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Subject: China

1. Question: Total number of shipments under the permits?

Answer: At this time we can not tell you the exact number of shipments that have cleared our portsbut so far this is what we know... approximately 160 shipments have come in under 7 companies identified on the permits this is for Sept 2007 thru January 29, 2009. If you want the company names...we will sent them in another email.

2. Question: Any Shipments Stopped?

Answer: NO.....not at this time...APHIS has not stopped any shipments... CBP will not take any actions until Maurine tells them. Below is the language we drafted for Maurine to forward to CBP.

We need to let the importers know that we are cancelling their permits... Tracye is drafting language for cover letters to the permittees.

We need to let the Chinese government know that we are "refusing entry of poultry products from China that are for human consumption. Kristin is contacting Dr. Osvaodo Perez, Foreign Service National, China. Please note that this is the Chinese Lunar New Year so the government is closed in China.

I have been trying to get in touch with FSIS to determine if they have gotten to their ports to stop products.....no one is responding to voice messages or email....I am continuing to contact FSIS...Maurine does not know what FSIS is doing at the ports either.

Below is the language we will send Maurine to sent to CBP...I need your approval:

Maurine

*Please let CBP
know the following:*

*Effective
immediately CBP is
to refuse entry*

(reexport or destroy) on all imports of shipments from China that contain any amount of poultry meat and byproducts for human consumption. Although these shipments may be accompanied by a Veterinary Services (VS) import permit they still need to be refused entry and referred to FSIS personnel at the ports of entry.

VS is in the process of canceling these permits.

This alert does not apply to products for animal use such as pet food or those products that contain eggs or egg material.

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Subject: Re: China: Poultry Imports & Exports
Date: 02/02/2009 03:51 PM
Attachments: [China Poultry Imports & Exports.doc](#)

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Subject China: Poultry Imports & Exports

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Subject: Re: Chinese poultry products
Date: 02/06/2009 04:19 PM

Thanks, Kevin. I noted that FDA is also chatting with their folks about the same thing.....hopefully, we get the same answer. :-)

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cc APHIS OA

Subject Chinese poultry products

Just to let you know, I have chatted with OBPA about getting a read on the appropriations law restriction (trying to determine its applicability to non-human use products). I'll let you know when I hear something.

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Subject: Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken
Date: 03/16/2009 04:54 PM

Yes, I can make it.

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From: Abbey L Shaffer

Sent: 03/16/2009 04:24 PM EDT

To: Jere Dick

Cc: Catherine Fulton; VSDA Assistants; Michelle Wenberg

Subject: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

Hello Dr. Dick,

We've scheduled a pre-meeting with APHIS, FSIS, FAS, and the Dept. to discuss how to approach the request by the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee for a briefing on the Chinese chicken issue, to make sure everyone is on the same page before we go up. It will be at 2:00 p.m. this Wednesday in Room 211-A Whitten. Please let me know if you can make it, and if you'll be bringing anyone else from VS.

We're probably looking at Friday for the actual trip to the Hill. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Date: 03/17/2009 07:40 AM

That's doable, Abbey.

Romona, Please be sure that the premeeting and the meeting both get on my calendar. John said he would cover the Babesiosis conference call.
Thanks

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03/16/2009 05:09 PM

cc VSDA Assistants

Subject Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

The Dept. is looking at 10:30 on Friday...would that be do-able. It would mean you wouldn't get back to the office until about 11:30.

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03/16/2009 01:30 PM

Subject Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

Abbey-

Jere is meeting with AFWA this afternoon in Arlington, VA. Wed after 2:00 pm, Thursday after 1:00 pm or Friday from 9-11 all are open.

Hope that this info helps,

Catherine

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To Jere L Dick/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

cc Catherine S Fulton/MD/APHIS/USDA, VSDA
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03/16/2009 01:13 PM

Subject Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [Brian J McCluskey](#)
Subject: Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken
Date: 03/17/2009 09:26 AM

Hey, that would be great. I could take it to the hill and play it as background theme music during my briefing!

Jere L. Dick, DVM
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Chief of Field Operations
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**Brian J McCluskey/CO/APHIS/
USDA**

To Jere L Dick/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA
cc

03/17/2009 09:24 AM

Subject Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

I a going to have to get you a recording of the Bare Naked Ladies song that has a line in it about Chinese Chicken!!!

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03/17/2009 05:40 AM

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Paula J Lee/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, Romona L
Parker/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

That's doable, Abbey.

Romona, Please be sure that the premeeting and the meeting both get on my calendar. John said he would cover the Babesiosis conference call.
Thanks

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**Abbey L Shaffer/MD/
APHIS/USDA**

03/16/2009 05:09 PM

To Catherine S Fulton/MD/APHIS/USDA, Jere L Dick/
MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA
cc VSDA Assistants
Subject Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

The Dept. is looking at 10:30 on Friday...would that be do-able. It would mean you wouldn't get back to the office until about 11:30.

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Wenberg/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, VSDA
Assistants

03/16/2009 01:30 PM

Subject Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken

Abbey-

Jere is meeting with AFWA this afternoon in Arlington, VA. Wed after 2:00 pm, Thursday after 1:00 pm or Friday from 9-11 all are open.

Hope that this info helps,

Catherine

=====

Catherine S. Fulton
Chief of Staff
USDA/APHIS/ Veterinary Services Deputy Administrator
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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [Brian J McCluskey](#)
Subject: Re: Congressional Briefing on Chinese Chicken
Date: 03/17/2009 10:12 AM

I'll ask LPA to add those two lines to my briefing materials.....:-)

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From: [John Clifford](#)
To: [Kevin A Shea](#); [Jere L Dick](#)
Subject: Re: conversation with FDA
Date: 02/17/2009 10:08 AM

Will do.

▼ [Kevin A Shea](#)

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

From: Kevin A Shea
Sent: 02/17/2009 09:59 AM EST
To: John Clifford; Jere Dick
Subject: Fw: conversation with FDA

Please be aware and ready to participate. I'll let you know as soon as I hear anything.

----- Forwarded by Kevin A Shea/MD/APHIS/USDA on 02/17/2009 09:58 AM -----

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To: [Thomas J Myers](#)
cc: [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Hamilton, Clay](#); [Jere L Dick](#); John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov;
[Michael R Doerr](#); [Christopher C Robinson](#)
Subject: Re: Copy of database
Date: 02/18/2009 03:50 PM

TJ,

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Let me know what he prefers.

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02/18/2009 03:26 PM

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Subject: Re: Copy of database
Date: 02/18/2009 04:52 PM

I called Clay Hamilton and left a voice message.

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Subject: RE: Copy of database
Date: 02/19/2009 11:08 AM

Mr. Hamilton,

You should be receiving a hard copy of the documents and a disc today by courier. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 3:51 PM
To: Thomas.J.Myers@aphis.usda.gov
Cc: Catherine.S.Fulton@aphis.usda.gov; Hamilton, Clay; Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov; John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov; Michael.R.Doerrer@aphis.usda.gov; Christopher.C.Robinson@aphis.usda.gov
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From: [Andrea C McNally](#)
To: [Michael R Doerr](#)
cc: [Ed C Curlett](#); [Jane E Levy](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [John Clifford](#); [Sharon M Coursey](#); [Bill Clay](#); [Kevin A Shea](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: Re: Daily meat import update, 2/13
Date: 02/13/2009 04:42 PM
Attachments: [Meat imports update 2-13-09.doc](#)

Hello,

Can you add Kevin and Bill Clay to this update list so that they are aware of the latest? Don't want it to be dependent on our getting the message forwarded around to them. I'm copying Kevin and Bill, and also Catherine because I know you're headed back to Riverdale after today. Thanks!

Andrea McNally
Deputy Chief of Staff
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▼ [Michael R Doerr](#)/MD/APHIS/USDA

Michael R Doerr/MD/
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02/13/2009 04:36 PM

To [Jane E Levy](#)/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, [Andrea C McNally](#)/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, [Sharon M Coursey](#)/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, [Jere L Dick](#)/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, [John Clifford](#)/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, [Ed C Curlett](#)/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

cc

Subject Daily meat import update, 2/13

Here is today's meat imports update.

Michael Doerr
Chief of Staff
National Animal Health Policy & Programs
USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services
Telephone: 301-734-5034

Facsimile: 301-734-8818



Meat imports update 2-13-09.doc

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [Thomas J Myers](#)
cc: [Catherine S Fulton](#); [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions
Date: 03/10/2009 07:42 PM

I would say we need to limit attendance....keeps it less complicated. Could bring Michael if you like but the meeting will focus on all the calls that will need to take place, not on mechanics per se. Since there really is no change that is really up to us right now. In the next sixty days we can refine our tandem approach with FSIS.

Hope I get to feeling better so I can be of some help. Feel worse today than I did on Sunday. Going to bed.

▼ [Thomas J Myers](#)

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

From: Thomas J Myers

Sent: 03/10/2009 05:28 PM EDT

To: Jere Dick

Cc: Catherine Fulton; John Clifford

Subject: Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions

Hi Jere - I was planning on being downtown in the EFSA meeting at 2:30. so I can leave that meeting for this one at 3:30.

What is your advice on asking Michael or Karen or both to attend this meeting. Ron Hicks mentioned the need to discuss the communication strategy and logistics, but the list of invitees below does not look like the right people for an implementation discussion.

TJ

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To Catherine S Fulton/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA,
Thomas J Myers/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

03/10/2009 05:23 PM

cc John Clifford/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions

I know, will tackle in the am. That is why I told TJ to just plan on coming downtown.

From: Catherine S Fulton
Sent: 03/10/2009 05:18 PM EDT
To: Jere Dick; Thomas Myers
Cc: John Clifford
Subject: Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions

This is during your mtg with Holstein Assn that's from 3-3:45. How and which one to cover?

From: Jere L Dick
Sent: 03/10/2009 05:10 PM EDT
To: Thomas Myers
Cc: John Clifford; Catherine Fulton
Subject: Fw: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [Hamilton, Clay](#)
Subject: Re: Decision Memo-Import Exemptions
Date: 03/10/2009 04:54 PM

After the meeting tomorrow.

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: William.Smith@fsis.usda.gov
Subject: RE: Decision Memo-Import Exemptions
Date: 03/09/2009 03:15 PM

Thanks, Bill. Your original email came after I left for the 2pm meeting with FSIS. I got it but didn't get a chance to review until after your 3pm deadline. Appreciate your work on this.

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From: [Jere L Dick](mailto:Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov)
To: [Jones, Ronald](mailto:Ronald.Jones@aphis.usda.gov)
Subject: Re: DELIVERY FAILURE: FYI: Permitting
Date: 03/19/2009 08:56 AM

We are starting permitting operations this morning based upon the email from David Lazarus. Just wanted you to know. I also sent to Ron Hicks.

This section is being referred to FSIS.

From: Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov [mailto:Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 8:42 AM
To: Jones, Ronald
Subject: Fw: DELIVERY FAILURE: FYI: Permitting

Will try again.

----- Original Message -----
From: Jere.L.Dick
Sent: 03/19/2009 08:33 AM AST
Cc: John Clifford; Catherine Fulton
Subject: FYI: Permitting

Delivery Failure Report

Your message: FYI: Permitting
was not delivered to: <ronald.jones@fsis.usdamgov>
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Original message follows-----

To:
Cc: John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov;Catherine.S.Fulton@aphis.usda.gov
Subject: FYI: Permitting
Date: 03/19/2009 08:33:55 AM

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To: [Jere L Dick](#)
cc: [Michael R Doerrer](#); [Thomas J Myers](#)
Subject: Re: Did we get the OIE Notification done for the permitting issue? EOM
Date: 03/24/2009 01:03 PM

No ... the permits were cancelled back in January ... and the OIE was not notified at that time... nor does the OIE need to be notified. The "notification" folks were talking about was one that was supposed to be done in conjunction with FSIS/FAS' notification to the the WTO ... which I don't believe they have done yet. Here in VS ... we have drafted some language to let the OIE know about the event ... and I believe that letter is being finalized ... but frankly ... the OIE is not going to care about this at all. It would be a first ...

Michael

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Thanks, this is a "check the box" thing from the communication plan that the Secretary approved. As Michael stated, should not be a big deal.

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cc: [Alan S Green](#); [Thomas J Myers](#); [Michael J David](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#)
Subject: Re: Disposition for on hold shipments
Date: 03/04/2009 04:06 PM

The final decision was discussed today and a meeting to relate the results is scheduled for 11 am tomorrow morning. It appears that we will go nearly back to "business as usual" for an interim period of time. I will call staff tomorrow after the meeting and relate the decision. At that time, we will loop you into the discussion and likely give the go ahead to release the letter. It is likely that those permittees that sourced US chicken will be re-issued their permit so we'll need to be sure the letter is still relevant on all points.

Thanks for your assistance through this laborious process Maurine. I wish that it had been handled more expediently but there are lots of folks with their fingers in the pie at this point. Talk to you tomorrow.

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Subject Disposition for on hold shipments

Dr. Dick

I am writing ask if a decision has been made and can I send the

"Disposition Document for the Cancelled Permits On Hold Shipments" to CBP. I know you stated nothing in writing until the decision came down but I really need to get this over to CBP as soon as possible.

Maurine

" If you make one person smile today it has been worth living"

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Subject: Re: Egg Products
Date: 02/23/2009 01:28 PM

Ron,

Our National Center for Import and Export has been working on all the data requests related to the permit issues. I have copied Dr. TJ Myers and his chief of staff, Michael Doerrer, and will ask them by copy of this email to provide you with an update on the information requested.

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