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Dear Mr. Corbo:

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This is the sixteenth partial response to your March 30, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS) seeking copies of records pertaining to the applications made by the People's Republic of China for equivalence determinations for all products covered under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, The Poultry Products Inspection Act, and The Egg Products Inspection Act, and the decisions rendered by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) since January 1, 2000. On March 26, 2010 FSIS referred your request and U.S. Department of Agriculture records to our office for processing. Your request was received in this office on office on March 30, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-341.

With this letter we are providing a CD-ROM containing an additional 197 pages responsive to your request. However, portions of the information is being withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You may appeal our partial denial of information or you may hold your appeal in abeyance until your final response is received. However, if you choose to appeal your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date on this letter to the following address:

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, DC 20250-3401

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 10-341 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.



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Also contained on the CD-ROM is a copy of Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

During our review, we determined that sections of the documents originated with other agencies and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service does have the authority to release other Federal Agency documents. Therefore, by copy of this letter, we are referring those sections to the appropriate agencies for release determination and direct response to you. To check the status of each agencies response, please contact that agency directly, their contact information is below.

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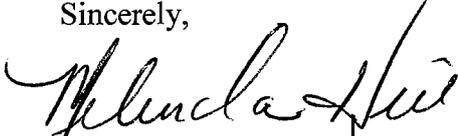
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If you have any questions regarding the continued processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact Tamara Wade at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,



for Tonya G. Woods  
Director  
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act  
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