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Dear Mr. Braun:

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This is a response to your November 18, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for data regarding the number of fumigations conducted in Illinois and Missouri for logs that had an export destination of China, with the exception of those being fumigated for Oak Wilt disease dating from January 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010. Your request was received in this office on November 18, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 11-090. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located six pages of responsive records. These records are appropriate for release in their entirety, without redaction.

For your information, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) old Fumigation database did not have a field in the database to record country of destination for 2009 and older. However, in the Schedule field 58 of the containers list the treatment as "China Log Treatments-Export (except oak logs)". These are the only entries that we are certain were exported to China. PPQ estimates the number of containers exported to China at 58, for July, August, September, October, November and December of 2009. Furthermore, the program office has advised that they have not finished validating the statistics reports on the 2010 data and are unable to retrieve any partial year records. PPQ anticipates they will be able to produce the 2010 information in the near future. Please be advised, the new "429 Database", will distinguish between import, export, and domestic fumigations.

We are providing all the information we have at this time. If you wish, you may submit a new request for the 2010 data at a later date.

You are entitled to appeal our no records determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
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Please refer to FOIA 11-090 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at (301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,

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Director
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