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Animal and
Plant Health
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Service

Dear Ms. Aldama:

Legislative and
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This is in response to your December 14, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all certificate of analysis that APHIS had engagements/transactions with any entity operating under the name Mucos under any capacity between January 1, 2007 and the present. This request includes various other related records. Your request was received in this office on December 14, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 11-134. We apologize for the delay in processing this request.

Freedom of
Information

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located four pages of responsive records to your request. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information (CBI) from disclosure when release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, a partnership or a corporation from whom the information was obtained.

In addition, portions of information has been withheld under Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) of the FOIA. Exemption 6 permits the Government to protect from disclosure information that would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The release of this information will not shed any light on Government operations. Specifically, we have withheld the names and signatures; of private company and various associations' employees from the enclosures.

We found no additional information pertaining to your request.

You may appeal our partial denial and findings of no additional information. 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:

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

Please refer to FOIA 11-134 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 was less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods
Director
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