



May 25, 2011

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Terry Torrance

Animal and  
Plant Health  
Inspection  
Service

Dear Ms Torrance:

Legislative and  
Public Affairs

This is our final response to your March 8, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all owner/shipper papers, VS10-13 and copies of all VS 17-145, for horses shipped to slaughter by or for Jeron Gold/Ropping J Ranch of Michigan. Your request was received on March 8, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-323.

Freedom of  
Information

4700 River Road  
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Riverdale, MD  
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Accordingly, please find enclosed the remaining 164 pages records responsive to your request. However, information has been withheld pursuant to 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. Specifically, we have withheld vehicle licenses number, driver's names, and the signature of the consignor.

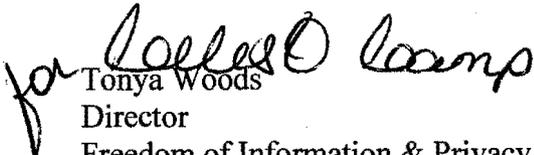
You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 45 days of the date of this letter to the following address:

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

If you should appeal, please refer to FOIA 11-323 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, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions please contact Ellery Gumbs of my staff at 301-734-5465

Sincerely,

  
Tonya Woods

Director  
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act  
Legislative and Public Affairs

Enclosure