



United States
Department of
Agriculture

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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Ms. Terry Torrance

Legislative and
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Dear Ms. Torrance:

Freedom of
Information

4700 River Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
20737-1232

This is in response to your April 26, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all owner/shipper papers, VS 10-13, and copies of all VS 17-145, and EU paperwork for drug residue to horses shipped to slaughter by or for Missoula Livestock Exchange for time period from January 1, 2010 to the most current records. Your request was received in this office on April 27, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-449.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 12 pages of records that are responsive to your request. However, information has been 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. Specifically, we have withheld third party's names and owner signatures pursuant to this exemption.

For your information, the program office has advised that there are no records pertaining to VS 17-145, and EU paperwork for drug residue for horses shipped to slaughter.

You may appeal our partial denial 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:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-449 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sophie Lau-Lopez of my staff at (301) 734-5360.

Sincerely,

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