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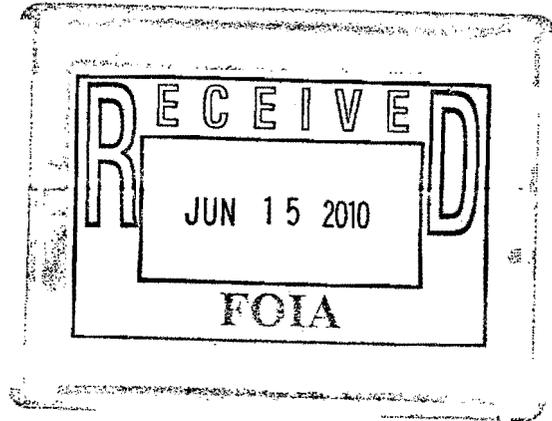
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Freedom of Information Act Office  
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APHIS, USDA  
4700 River Road, Unit 50  
Riverdale MD 20737  
USA



Dear Sirs:

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

**JUL 13 2010**

This is a request under the *Freedom of Information Act* ("FOIA"). We request that a copy of documents containing the following information be provided to us at your earliest convenience:

- All records surrounding the export of logs from Alaska to any port in China; and
- More specifically, all records surrounding any agreements that have been entered into between the Governments of Alaska and China for the export of logs.

For example:

- All records surrounding the Phytosanitary Requirements Protocol for Importing Alaskan Logs from Alaska, United States;
- All records of any agreements or protocols between the Governments of the United States and China concerning phytosanitary requirements; and
- All records surrounding agreements between Alaska and Chinese ports such as Dalian (Chang Xindao), Rizhao, Yantai, Qingdao, Tianjin and Taicang for the export of logs.

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As you are aware, the 1996 FOIA amendments affirm the general policy that any record that is in the possession and control of a Federal agency, regardless of the form that it is stored in, is normally considered to be an agency record under the FOIA.

Furthermore, we would remind you that APHIS is required to respond within 20 business days after the receipt of this FOIA request. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

In order to help to assess our status for the purpose of determining the applicability of fees, please be advised that we are a Canadian law firm seeking the information for a commercial use.

We are prepared to authorize fees for this request up to a maximum of \$500.00 USD. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please contact me first for approval.

We request that the information be provided in electronic format, and would like to receive it on a CD-ROM, if possible.

I also include a telephone number at which I can be contacted during business hours to discuss any aspect of our request or for additional clarification.

Yours very truly,

**McCarthy Tétrault LLP**

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