

From: Smith, Cindy

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 2:58 PM

To: Clifford, John; Dick, Jere L; Clay, Bill; Coursey, Sharon M; Gaston, Beth; Levy, Jane E; McNally, Andrea; Shea, Kevin; Smith, Cindy J

Subject: FW: Trace Amounts

See Dave's message immediately below. Any concerns about communicating to Chinese that we will be reissuing permits?

Regarding Dave's message at bottom – any additions?

From: Lazarus, David

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 2:53 PM

To: Michener, Michael; Hicks, Ron; Smith, Cindy; 'Sheikh, Pat'; 'Robert.Riemenschneider@fas.usda.gov'

Cc: Holtzman, Max

Subject: RE: Trace Amounts

I don't see why not....check with APHIS and FSIS to see if we should hold off.

From: Michener, Michael

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 2:50 PM

To: Lazarus, David; Hicks, Ron; Smith, Cindy; 'Sheikh, Pat'; 'Robert.Riemenschneider@fas.usda.gov'

Cc: Holtzman, Max

Subject: RE: Trace Amounts

Looks good to me. Pat and I will be meeting with the Chinese DCM (acting Ambo) at 3:30 today – can we draw on point #1 in our response to his demarche?

From: Lazarus, David

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 2:46 PM

To: Hicks, Ron; Smith, Cindy; 'Sheikh, Pat'; Robert.Riemenschneider@fas.usda.gov

Cc: Holtzman, Max; Michener, Michael

Subject: Trace Amounts

Thanks for everyone's time on this issue. Here's where I think we are, given the conversation at TPSC today.

- 1) Reissue the permits for the Chinese firms under our legal definition of poultry products
- 2) Make sure Korean product is able to enter commerce, as it should be allowed under our regulations
- 3) Adhere to current regulations and enforcement practices
- 4) Work with CBP to get improved statistics on effects on trade
- 5) Draft proposed time line and white paper for consideration of TPSC and TPRG
- 6) Meet with the TPRG in the near future to discuss our proposal

Does this make sense to everyone? Any additions or modifications to this path forward?

From: Smith, Cindy

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 5:33 PM

To: Smith, Cindy; Cooksie, Carolyn; Sheikh, Pat; Hicks, Ron; Hamilton, Clay; Dick, Jere L; Shea, Kevin A; Clifford, John; Michener, Michael; Quick, Bryce; Holtzman, Max; Lazarus, David

Subject: RE: Is APHIS OK to start re-issuing permits?

Regarding the trace amounts issue, Ron and I thought we were ready last week to move forward on the action plan. And when the Thursday evening call was postponed agreed to tell our respective staffs to hold until we get the OK from David. David is now asking for FAS's perspective on whether we should go back to the TPSC.

FAS – What are your thoughts on this?

Thanks.

From: Smith, Cindy

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 5:22 PM

To: Cooksie, Carolyn; Sheikh, Pat; Hicks, Ron

Subject: FW: Is APHIS OK to start re-insuring permits?

From: Lazarus, David

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 3:52 PM

To: Smith, Cindy

Cc: 'Ron.Hicks@fsis.usda.gov'

Subject: Re: Is APHIS OK to start re-insuring permits?

I wanted to get FAS' perspective on whether we should go back to TPSC on this. Can you check in with them and let me know what they say?

Thanks

From: Smith, Cindy

To: Lazarus, David

Cc: Hicks, Ron

Sent: Mon Mar 16 15:01:34 2009

Subject: Is APHIS OK to start re-insuring permits?

David,

We thought we had the OK last week to move forward with our action plan on trace ammounts. But then you scheduled that call on Thursday evening so we held off to make sure everything was lined up to your liking. I sent you a note to ask you to let us know (since that call was postponed) when we are OK to proceed. Are you still wanting us to wait? Or are you ready for us to move forward?

Cindy

From: Smith, Cindy

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 7:16 AM

To: Hicks, Ron; Gaston, Beth; Jett, Carole; Lazarus, David; Leslie, Grant; Stuck, Karen; Michener, Michael; Holtzman, Max

Subject: FYI: Update on Trace Amounts Permitting

Here is an update on the APHIS permitting process regarding trace amounts.

On March 19, 2009, APHIS had 211 permits on hold, and had cancelled 28 permits from China.

Permits processed by APHIS to date (March 24 @ 3PM):

Processed 109 permits - either new permits or for renewals
Included in these 109 permits, are the 2 permits from China that were re-instated

Of the 28 permits from China that were cancelled, APHIS has contacted all 28 of the permittees by phone and sent an e-mail to confirm that contact

Countries/territories for which APHIS has issued/re-issued permits to date include China, Taipei, Denmark, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Argentina, Mexico, Vietnam, Jamaica, Canada, Singapore, and Hong Kong.