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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?

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To: [Thomas J Myers](#)
cc: [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Christopher C Robinson](#); [John Clifford](#); [Karen A James-Preston](#); [Larry M Granger](#); [Michael J David](#); [Michael R Doerr](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Trace Amounts-scanned doc
Date: 03/19/2009 02:30 PM
Attachments: [Trace Amounts-Table.doc](#)

Perfect. Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Fw: Up until now, has APHIS been issuing permits for cake mixes and similar products that contain small quantities of processed egg?
Date: 02/27/2009 01:22 PM

Dan already came to me and asked and I have folks working on a response. :-)

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Subject: Re: Fw: Update on 2% issue
Date: 03/18/2009 04:50 PM

Michael/Karen/Chris - Heads up.
TJ

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Subject Fw: Update on 2% issue

I just left ANOTHER meeting on this issue too. David Lazurus was present and he seemed supportive of getting a decision BEFORE we have to do our briefing on the hill on Friday. So, stay tuned.....

David said he would send us a message when it was OK to resume.

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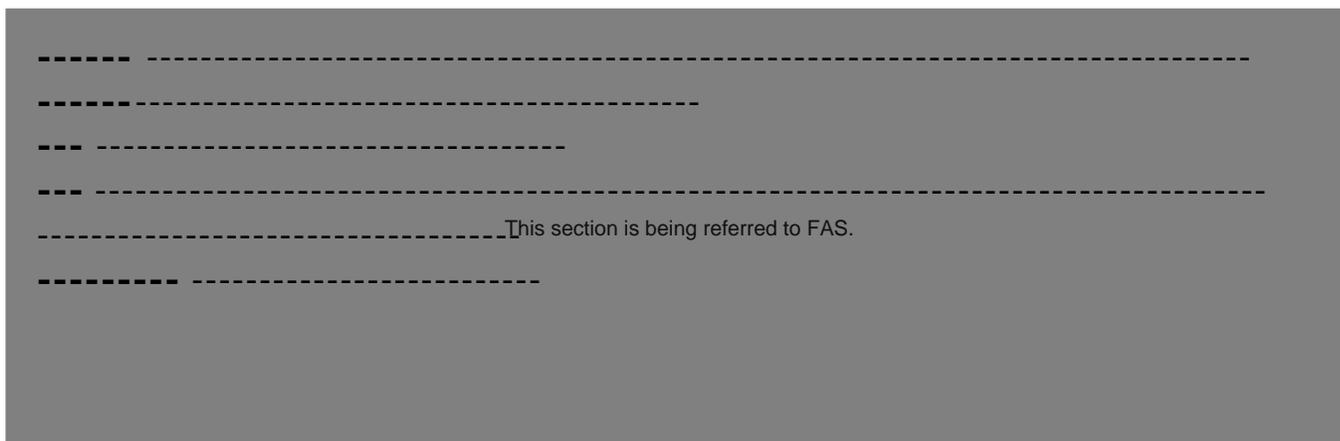
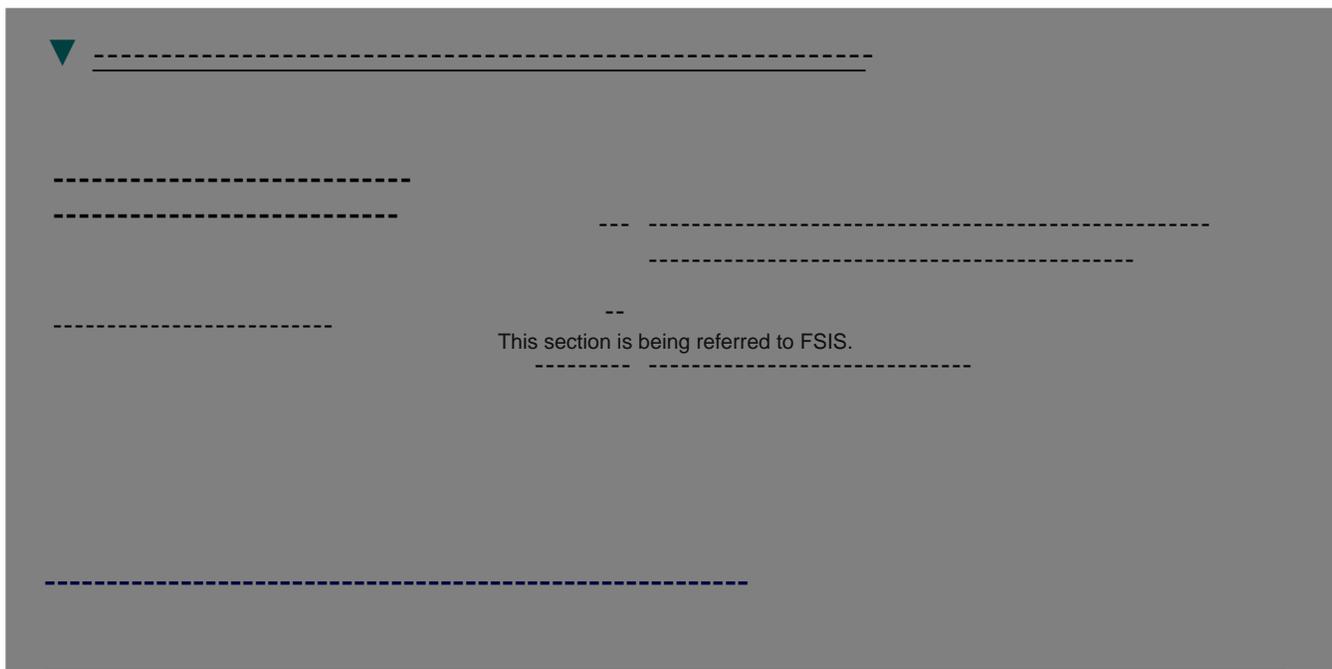
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To: [Derfler, Philip](#)
cc: [Hamilton, Clay](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Update on 2% issue
Date: 03/23/2009 03:02 PM
Attachments: [90 day TPS 03 12 09.doc](#)

Yes, the last sentence of that bullet says we will be adding the new language.....

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To: [Abbey L Shaffer](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: update on import permit briefing
Date: 03/20/2009 12:55 PM

Already got staff working on it.....good ISTJ, good ISTJ.....

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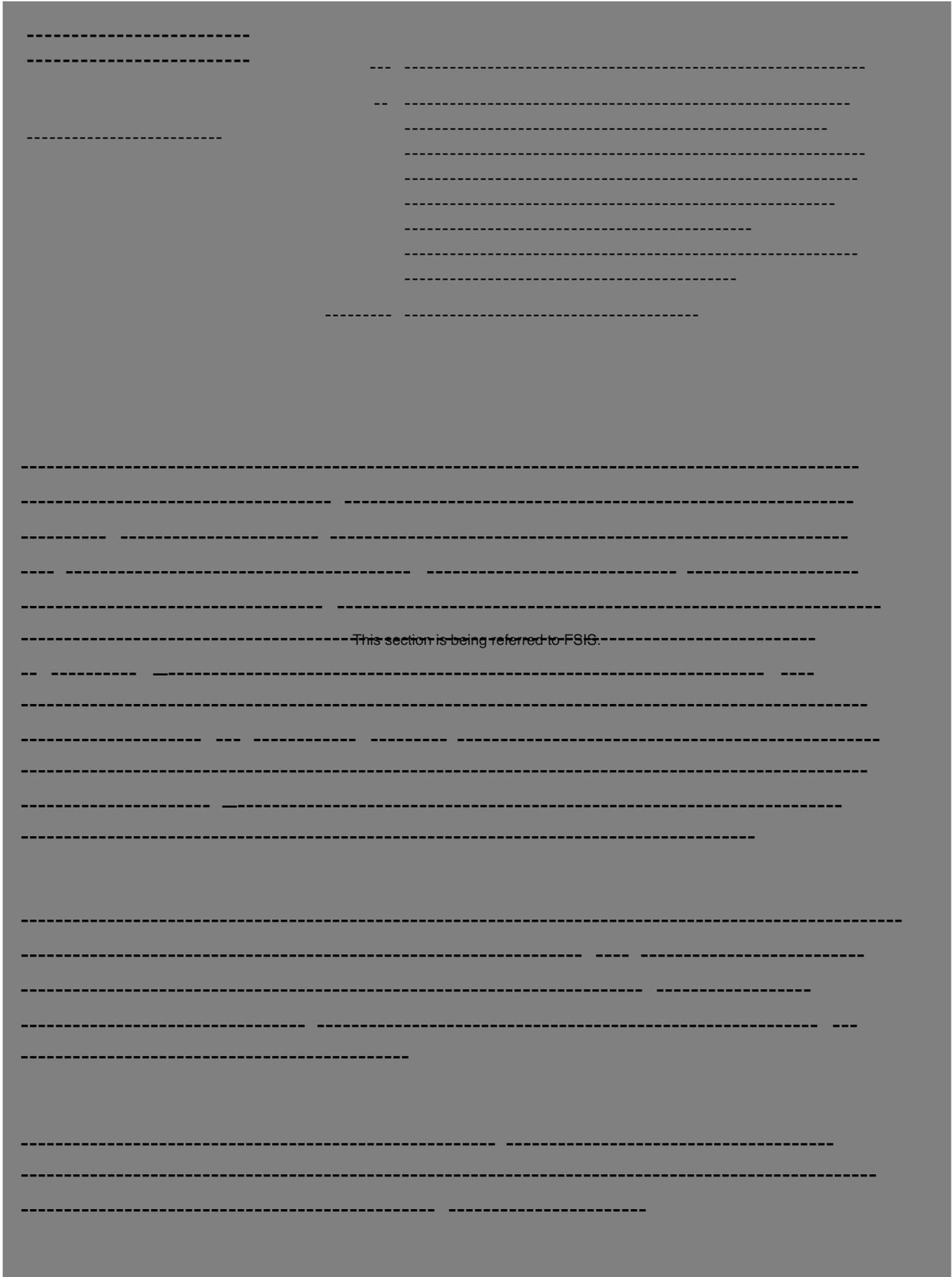
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Subject Fw: update on import permit briefing

Sounds like it went well! Will VS be working on the APHIS part of the follow-up?

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Subject: Re: FW: Updated Import Permit Talking Points, Q&As and Communication Strategy
Date: 03/19/2009 12:51 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT Strengthening Import Permit Policies - Communication Strategy.doc](#)

Thanks, Phil. We stand ready to assist on the calls when/if you so desire.

Would you like us to make the OIE Notification this afternoon? Will FAS start Step 1 this afternoon?

Would it be a good idea to meet with FAS to make sure we are all on the same page? I think the original plan was to do Steps 1-5 all in one day.

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Subject: Re: Fw: Updated: Chinese Poultry w/Pat Sheikh; Ron Hicks; Kevin Shea
Date: 02/13/2009 09:42 AM
Attachments: [meeting.ics](#)

Got it, and will be there.

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Please plan to attend; please respond that you received this

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TJ, on page two of this document there are only 4 countries listed as equivalent. FSIS stated there are 5 in the meeting this morning. Believe we have 8 in the brief you sent me this morning. We need to decide with all what the actual number of countries are for consistency or someone else will notice..... Thanks

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Subject: Re: Fw: USDA Import Issue with Heparin- URGENT
Date: 02/06/2009 10:56 AM
Attachments: [Heparin 2-6-09 v2.doc](#)

Hi Jere -

Karen and I spoke with Dominique Veneziano in FDA this morning. The attached summary comes from that conversation. We also discussed the heparin issue with Steve McDermott, FSIS, to confirm they have no jurisdiction over this material. Please let me know if this meets your needs. Sorry we could not get this to you by 10:30 - FDA was not available to speak to us until 9:45.

TJ



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FYI, and followup to my previous email....Knowing the nature of the environment.

I suspect we will get a constant stream of questions on this one, such as:

If it was one of the recent 29 permits, which one?

Are there other permits for the animal product that would be affected regarding heparin in the remaining permits we are anticipating canceling with FSIS?

Should we be recommending/pushing for a similar resolution with FDA regarding review of our permits that pertain to human consumption? ie. issuing permits together.

Or is the system working for us with regard to FDA?

How much product/value are we talking about if the Administration does have talks with FDA and cancels permits for human consumption? ie the other half of the pie

What kinds of products specifically would we be canceling?

I know this is a real challenge, but wanted you to be thinking about approaches, because it may be coming.....

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Hi Bill,

This may come up tomorrow in discussions around the continuing poultry saga with China.

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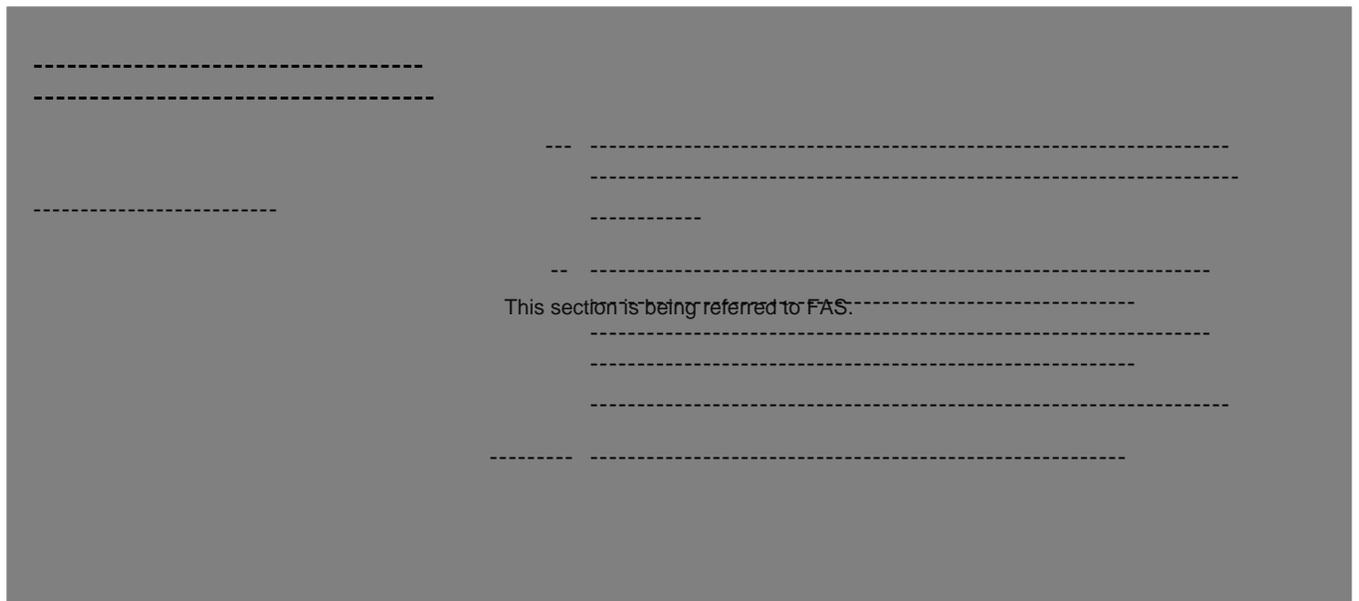
This is the issue I left you a voice mail about just a little while ago. Michelle Limonli from FDA is urgently trying to enlist assistance from FSIS and APHIS as there is a pending shortage of heparin, which China will no longer be able to provide us. Please see her incoming message below.

Bob Macke from FAS is coordinating with FSIS. Russ will coordinate with your office on this issue.

Thanks,
Lynn

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Karen - let's discuss this heparin issue as soon as you get in. Also we need to discuss your 9:00 meeting with FSIS contacts.

Thanks
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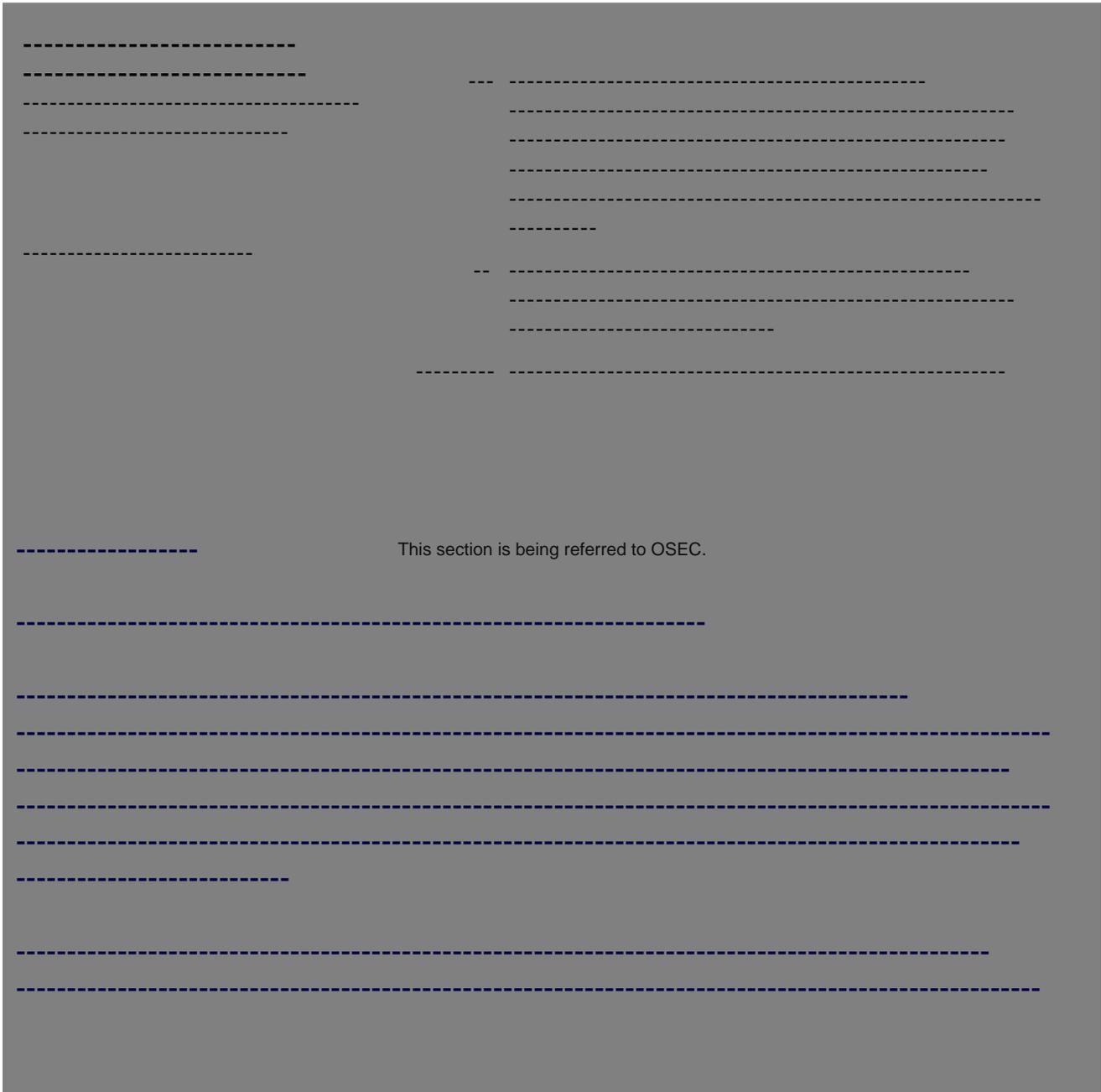
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Good Morning, TJ. I am sure you have already seen several emails related to Heparin concerns. Would you please have the appropriate technical folks visit with FDA asap regarding all the particulars regarding how this relates, or doesn't relate, to recent removal of the 29 permits. My understanding was that the issue recently related more to China's refusal to provide Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for the shipments.

Please try to get back to the ODA with some preliminary information by 10:30 am this morning, if possible. Thanks.

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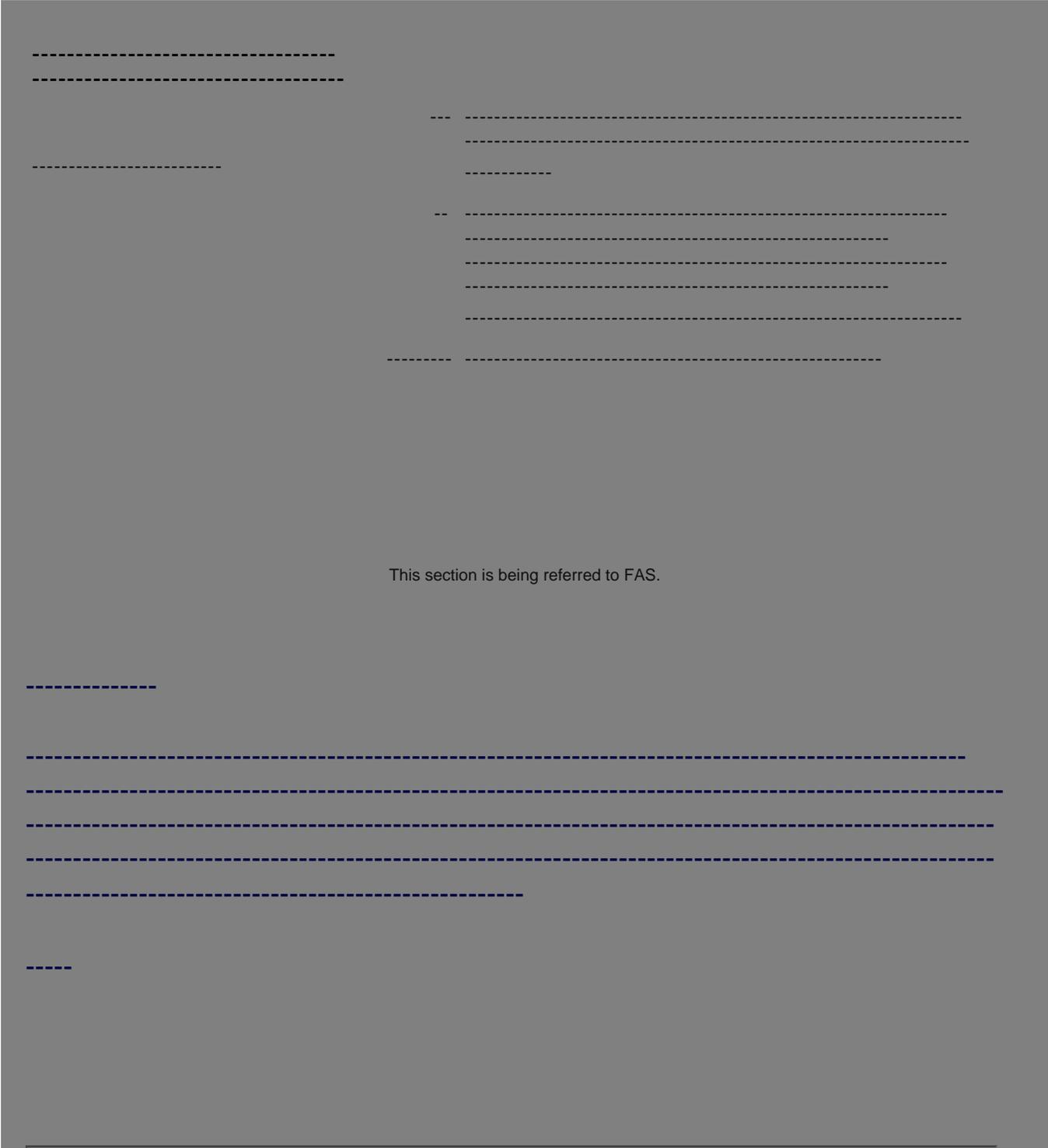
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Karen et al - here are the questions we will likely get today. For our discussion as soon as you get in.
TJ

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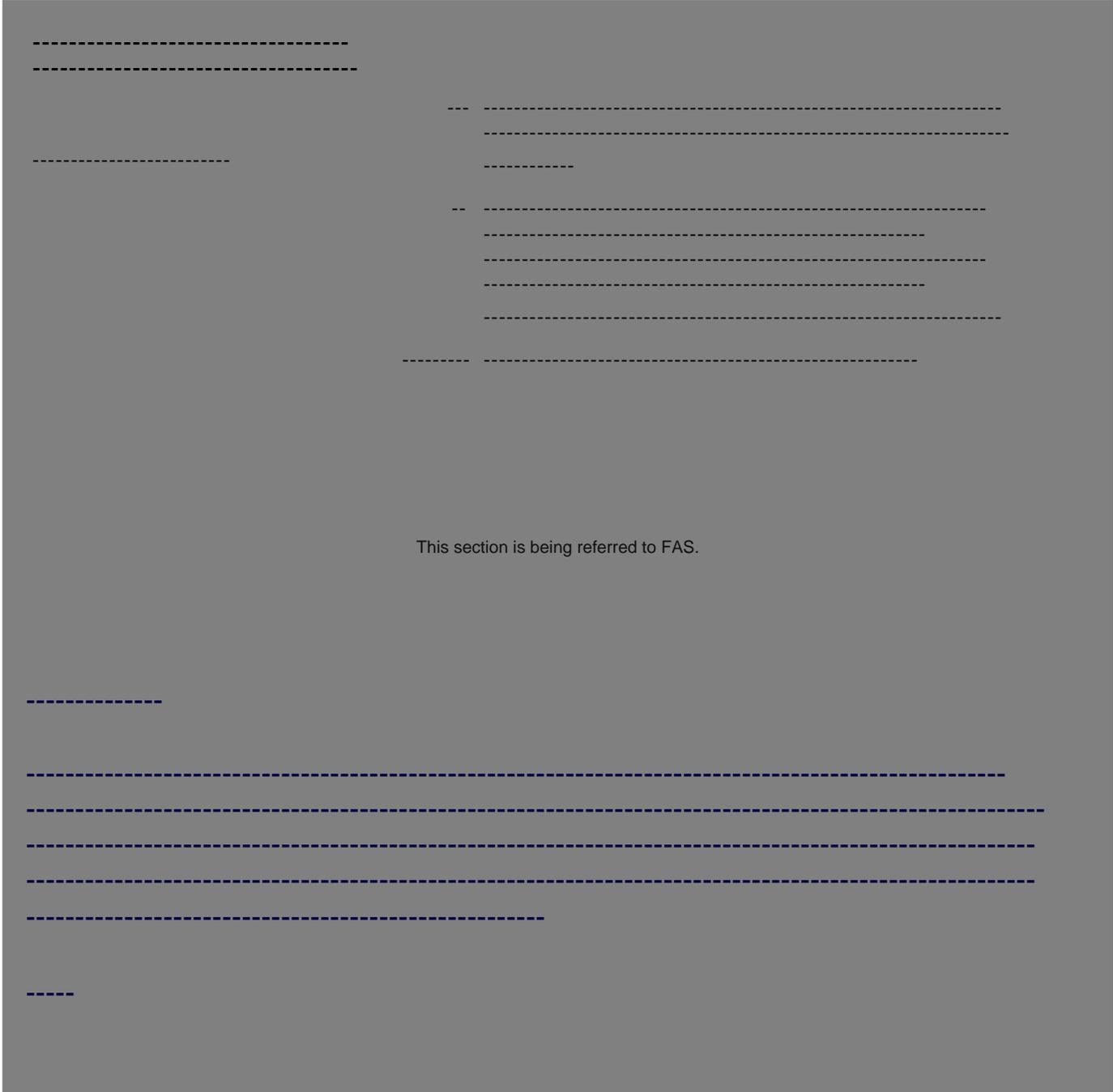
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Attachments: [Heparin 2-6-09 v2.doc](#)

Perfect, TJ. As always, thanks for the prompt research and response. I will let you know if there are followup questions.

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Hi Jere -

Karen and I spoke with Dominique Veneziano in FDA this morning. The attached summary comes from that conversation. We also discussed the heparin issue with Steve McDermott, FSIS, to confirm they have no jurisdiction over this material. Please let me know if this meets your needs. Sorry we could not get this to you by 10:30 - FDA was not available to speak to us until 9:45.

TJ



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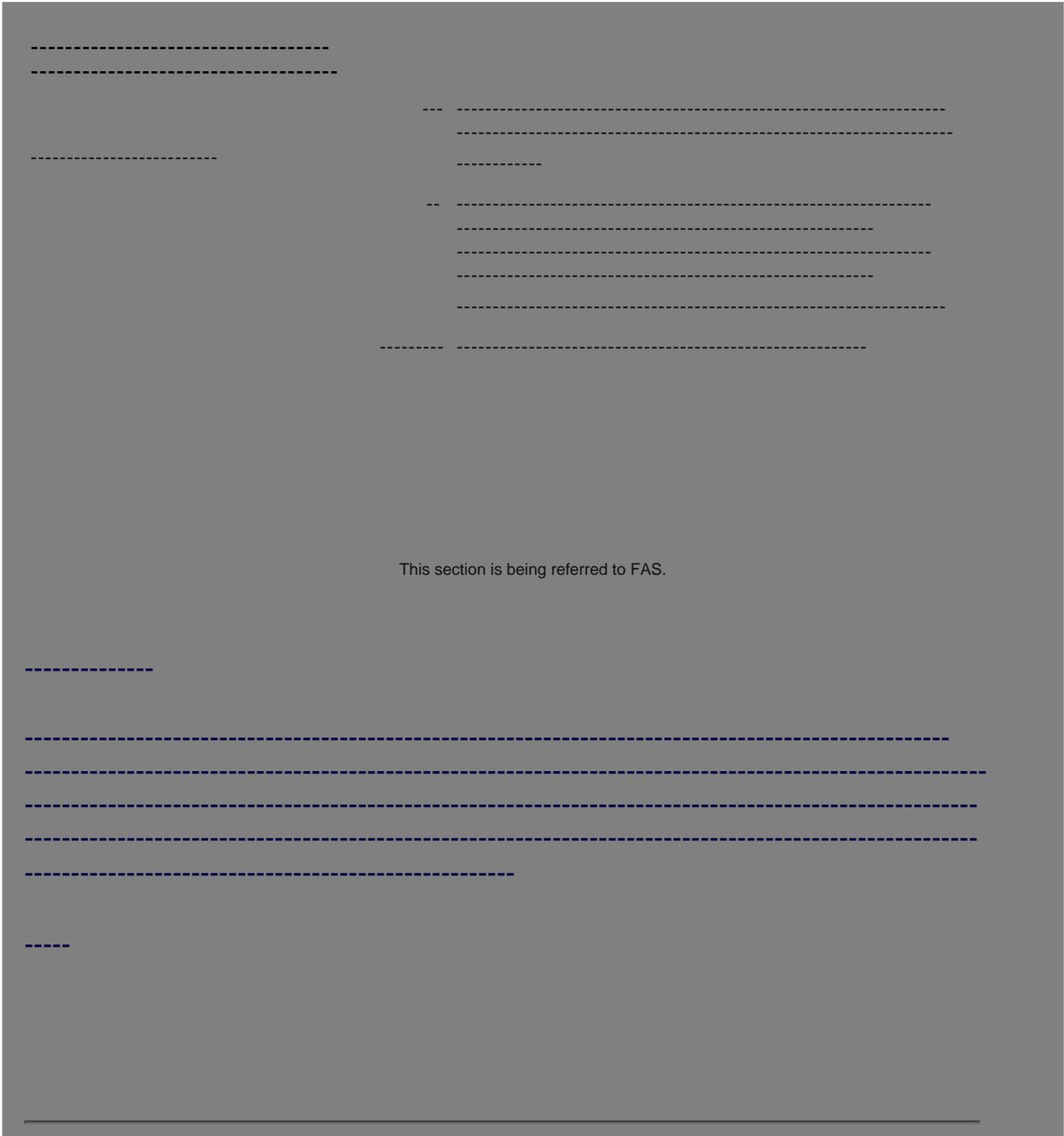
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We require heparin (usually porcine) to be imported with a VS Permit and government certificate...As I recall, the government of China did not want to endorse these certificates....based on this the product was not entering...

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to discuss your 9:00 meeting with FSIS contacts.

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Date: 02/04/2009 04:38 PM

The note was intended to immediately stop all entries John.....so no more mistakes were made. We will work with LPA to get some further guidance out to folks shortly. Just been hammered by Ames stuff today.

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02/04/2009 04:34 PM

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Subject Re: FYI: Article on Leadership from HBR

Jere, I printed and will read this evening, but it looked really good. I appreciate you passing these along!

On another note, not for today, can I get some further guidance on this web site email, sending info to the ODA? Real quick, does this entail "internal" content, or just external? Also, we have other public sites with info, not just the web site.

We can chat later this week, unless I should work this with Mike Firko.

John

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Subject: Re: FYI: Quick Update on Communication Plan for Strengthening Import Permits
Date: 03/26/2009 08:43 AM

Hi Karen and Michael -

Yesterday afternoon, Jere met with Ron Jones. Jere expressed his and our concern that FSIS needs to take action on the communication and outreach as we are issuing permits. Together they reviewed the communication chart that was approved before we started reissuing permits, and below is a status report of actions taken so far.

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Subject FYI: Quick Update on Communication Plan for Strengthening Import Permits

I met with Ron Jones, FSIS, late this afternoon to go over the Import Permit Communication Plan and get a sense of where they were at on the plan.

Here is a very quick run down:

Step 1. Dr. Clifford has signed the OIE Notification and it was distributed today. FSIS is clearing the WTO notification with FAS, legal, others, and it has not been distributed yet.

Step 2. Martha Foley (Staffer for Rep DeLauro) was jointly briefed last week by FSIS/APHIS (I represented APHIS). FSIS may meet with other staffers if there is an interest.

Step 3. VS is reissuing the backlog of permits and is well over half way done.

Step 4. FSIS/APHIS (I attended) met with representatives of the Korean Embassy last week. No others have expressed an interest to meet at this point.

Step 5. FSIS will notify trade associations on March 31st

Step 6. FSIS will notify consumer groups on March 31st

Step 7. FSIS has dropped the media from the communication plan

Step 8. FSIS will notify key industry associations on March 31st by posting information on their website.

APHIS will also post the same information to their website as soon as the cleared documents are received from FSIS.

It has been determined that the current e-permit system will not allow mass e-mailings. APHIS Import Alerts have worked very well with the industry so the two websites will allow 90 days for importers to see what changes will be coming.

So far, the implementation has gone relatively smoothly. Staff has done a great job of expediting a tremendous amount of work! Please thank them for me.

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Subject: Re: FYI: China License/Aphis certification
Date: 02/03/2009 05:25 PM
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[meal certificate.pdf](#)

Thanks, Brian.

Just between you and I, I've had a belly full of China issues this past two weeks.....

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02/03/2009 05:21 PM

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Subject FYI: China License/Aphis certification

Jere,

This exporter in Louisiana is starting to make threats of contact with congressional reps about what appears to us and NCIE as a work around of the rules.

Just a heads up at this time.

Brian

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A head's up, as discussed.

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Hello Dr. Yao,

I copied you on the message I just sent to this exporter. While we have agreed to provide a product registration certificate with our bilaterally negotiated language, the exporter is insisting that his agent must have additional certification (related to concerns about melamine) OR MOA will not register the product.

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something official in writing from MOA stating that this is a new requirement.

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accountable IF imported products test positive for melamine. The agent is not producing anything official (so far) - he is just telling the exporter that they have to have additional certification.

Bottom line is that APHIS is not willing to provide additional certification statements that have not been officially requested by the government of the importing country. The information you received from MOA stated that "no additional statements were needed." The non-ruminant fats and feeds protocol is a bilaterally negotiated protocol, and if either side wants changes - then official notification of the trading partner is necessary. As stated below, if we give this agent what he wants, we will have to provide the additional certification statement from now on - a situation we do NOT want for just one exporter.

I am hoping that this agent will contact you and you can figure out what's going on. In the meantime, we stand by the guidance you were given by MOA although we will want to pursue with them the necessity for ANY additional involvement by APHIS (i.e., we already inspect and approve the facility; notify the approvals to China; and certify products IAW the protocol).

Thanks as always - for your help!!

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Subject Re: China License/Aphis certification

Hello Mr. Holt,

We work very closely with our APHIS-IS Office in Beijing in dealing with our counterparts in the Chinese government. We are a government agency, and our role in exports is to meet the requirements of the government of the importing country (and to negotiate on requirements we cannot meet). We do have a bilateral agreement with China for non-ruminant fats and feeds, which includes fishmeal and fish oil. It has always been our understanding that APHIS is not involved in the product registration process - a process implemented by China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) following our agreement with China's AQSIQ on product certification and facility approval. We have, in fact, advised exporters having problems with the product registration process to contact the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) office in Beijing. FAS has a broader mission than APHIS and deals with technical barriers to trade. The product registration process has largely fallen into that category.

Because of your insistence that APHIS involvement was required, we asked our APHIS-IS Office in Beijing to contact MOA for clarification. Dr. Jiancong Yao (copied on this message) provided us with the product registration requirements (none of which, by the way, mentioned anything about a sanitary health certificate). He spoke with MOA officials directly, however, and they indicated that they did require a "registration certificate" from APHIS as part of the product registration process. He is pursuing talks with MOA to see when they started requiring this and "why" they are requiring it for facilities approved under our bilaterally negotiated protocol. Not only is APHIS approving the facilities, AQSIQ is assigning

China approval numbers, our agreement is available on the internet, and the list of approved facilities is included on China's website (which would obviously be available to MOA). While Dr. Jiancong Yao is pursuing the issue further, we agreed to provide your company with the requested registration certificate - per the instructions received from Dr. Yao (through conversations with MOA). Since asking for "additional certification statements" unilaterally is a violation of a bilaterally negotiated protocol (APHIS has NOT been notified by China regarding any requested amendments to our agreement) - I specifically asked Dr. Yao to inquire about the need for this additional statement (no added proteins or fats).

This is the response I received from Dr. Yao:

"Hi Kristin,

I talked with MOA and found out that China MOA requests a animal health certificate (animal health sanitary certificate) for **product of animal origin** for registration purpose.

The language what was agreed to in our bilaterally negotiated protocol will work for this purpose. **We do not need to endorse additional statements other than what was agreed in the negotiated protocol.** I have no idea whether MOA requested the same previously, anyway I will meet with them again in this week. *[This refers to trying to find out if they have been asking for "registration certificates" from APHIS for other exporters.]*

Please let me know if you have any comments."

Regards,
Yao Jiancong
Agricultural Scientist

This is the official response we have received from the official government agency in China (MOA). Based on this response, we can provide a registration certificate consistent with our bilaterally negotiated protocol.

Please understand that our role is to meet the requirements of the importing government (if we can) - not requests from importers, brokers, agents, or other non-government officials. It is not unusual for APHIS to receive requests for additional certification statements or documents from

foreign importers or agents to satisfy their own needs - not official government requirements. Honoring private individual requests for official certification rather than adhering to official government requirements generates confusion and can easily lead to additional "de facto" requirements. In this case, the request for additional certification by your agent, is not just a product registration issue. If APHIS provides the additional certification for product registration - then we will have to provide the additional certification for every shipment. According to the information Dr. Yao received from MOA - the additional certification is not needed. And I have not seen anything official from the government of China stating that this is a new requirement.

If your agent insists that the additional certification is an official government requirement (something our information seems to refute) - then I would suggest having your agent contact our APHIS-IS-Office in Beijing to discuss it with Dr. Jiancong Yao. If your agent is receiving conflicting information from MOA, hopefully Dr. Yao can assist. The alternative would be for your agent to provide you (and ultimately us) with something from the Chinese government (MOA) - in Chinese and English - stating that they are now requiring additional certification above and beyond what was agreed to bilaterally.

Dr. Yao can be reached via email (Jiancong.Yao@aphis.usda.gov) or via phone at (86-10) 8531-3030.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Schmitz

First of all I want to sincerely thank you and your colleagues for all of your collective efforts to resolve the "Export certificate for China" that we have requested. However I believe there is a significant issue, which requires some further explanation.

By way of background we are a fully integrated fishing and processing business located in Empire Louisiana. We produce only two products. Fish meal and Fish Oil. Kindly check our Web Site at www.daybrook.com. We are also the company that got wiped out by hurricane Katrina but have successfully rebuilt our business and employ about 300 persons in that locale. It is our only business.

We understand that the APHIS has negotiated specific language with the PRC for this certification however, since that agreement, there has been a serious scandal within the China trade after persons in China adulterated fishmeal with Melamine and other animal products. Also forging entry certificates for various products. As a consequence the import authorities have tighten up their rules and now require us to provide certificates that say our products have been produced without the addition of any other animal products or fat.

We understand that other fishmeal producer have obtained their PRC Import licenses utilizing the existing language but probably this occurred before the Melamine scandal.

We are a fully integrated fish processor. It impossible to adulterate our products because we keep all of our fish under refrigeration and they are processed directly from our boats into the plant and go through a sterilization process as part of the

concluding step in the manufacturing process. There are no rendering or other animal processing facilities remotely near to us in fact there is nothing in the town of Empire except us. We are at mile 29 on the Mississippi river and everything that we produce is shipped directly to customers by containers, trucks ships or barges directly from our plant. We are quite prepared to provide you with sworn affidavits to this effect should you so require.

We are presently dead in the water where our sales to China are concerned and facing a very serious shut down if we cannot get this resolved.

We respectfully request that you permit us an exception to the existing language allowing us to state in the product description

“100% Gulf Menhaden Fishmeal produced without the addition of any other animal protein or fat” and hopefully this will resolve the matter.

I had a long conversation with Dr. Richard Cambre this morning, who has provided us with the language that your agency is willing to certify, as part of the arrangements between APHIS and the PRC. A copy of the documents for fishmeal and fish oil are attached in draft form. We would like to add this additional language to the product descriptions on the form and send this in for signature.

Dr. Schmitz we fully realize this is beyond an irritation and is causing everyone a high level of frustration. We don't know what else to do and cannot even make a sale without our PRC import permit in place. I am appealing to you to let us have this exception and move this along with the thought that we do not have any recurrence of this in the future.

Your urgent attention to this is greatly appreciated

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meal certificate.pdf

From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [Karen A James-Preston](#)
Subject: Re: FYI: China Poultry Briefing
Date: 01/28/2009 09:54 PM

Karen, we can talk tomorrow. I don't believe anyone's character was defamed and that was certainly not the intent. In fact, I worked very hard all day to identify many ways that we could have avoided product arriving from China....and that includes identifying issues in other units and Departments. We have lots of meetings to go yet on this issue. Please focus on how we can turn the corner with FSIS and not rely upon anyone to "notify" us in future permitting functions. I believe that is what the Department has asked of us.

I will focus on how we collectively can avoid this in the future too.

Thanks, Jere

▼ [Karen A James-Preston](#)

----- Original Message -----

From: Karen A James-Preston
Sent: 01/28/2009 09:08 PM EST
To: Jere Dick
Subject: Fw: FYI: China Poultry Briefing

Jere

When you get the time I would like to discuss the contents of the attached document. Some of the language in the document is incorrect and not feasible. I feel as a manager I am depicted as being incompetent by failing to know something which was never relayed to my staff. My staff is being blamed for FSIS not enforcing their own regulations. I can go on further about this issue and the language in the document but I am on my BlackBerry. I feel that the letter basically defames my character as the manager of NCIE. I also was never asked to review the document prior to it being sent to other. If it just went to John I would not be too worried, I could talk with him... but it was sent to others who have the ability to affect my career in VS. I did speak with Larry G about my concerns. I also called Michael Doerrer as soon as I read the document. The response I received from Michael was this is what Kevin wanted.

I guess my staff and I are the scape goats again.

Sincerely

I did not bcc any one on this email. I feel comfortable speaking with you, this is why I am addressing my concerns to you.

Dr. Karen A. James-Preston

▼ [Michael R Doerr](#)

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Subject FYI: China Poultry Briefing

Kevin,

Bill and I started working on this yesterday. I understand he is out this afternoon. This is a summary of the situation.

I have a national conference call with the State Animal Health Officials

scheduled from 3pm to 4 pm. Otherwise, I am available. I would like to find some time on your schedule to visit this afternoon, if possible.

Thanks,

[attachment "China poultry briefing.doc" deleted by Jere L Dick/MD/APHIS/USDA]

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[Christopher C Robinson](#)
Subject: Re: FYI: Decision Memo-Import Exemptions
Date: 03/11/2009 12:21 PM

Maureen and Alan -

In case you did not receive a copy of this, this e-mail string shows that the Secretary approved option 2 of the FSIS memo. I will forward that memo in a separate email.

TJ

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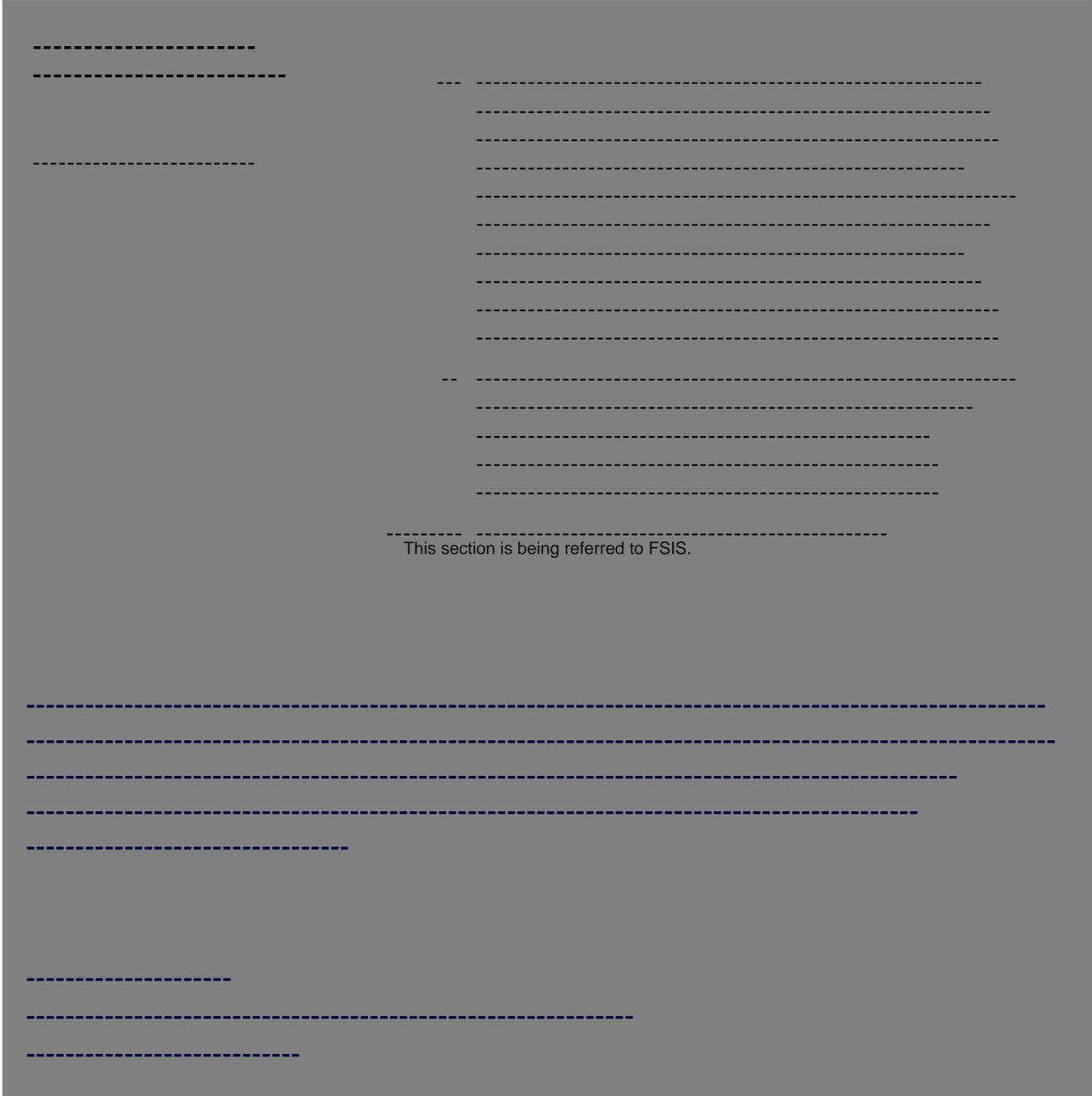
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Date: 03/10/2009 04:15 PM

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- a cut-off date (when does the 60 day extension start? and what about importers that are sending in their renewals early ... and don't expire until May, but want to renew? and then there are permits that expired because we've been sitting on them waiting for FSIS -- for these do we give them 60 days from the time they expired ... even though they expired say 40 days ago and so we are effectively giving them 20 days? -- this is poorly defined).
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Since virtually nothing has changed from the way we did this before (for the past decade), I vote for keeping it simple.

Any permit that has expired will be renewed with a date that is 60 days from tomorrow. They simply get a new date and get resent. After those expire we will reissue, if the importer desires, under the new 9 step.

For any new permit request they get issued with the new certification statement for one year...as always.

Will discuss further tomorrow before the meeting.

▼ [Michael J David](#)

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Might not be a bad idea for you to plan on attending anyway if you can TJ since it is toward the end of the day.

▼ [Thomas J Myers](#)

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From: Thomas J Myers

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To: Jere Dick; Paula Lee

Cc: Catherine Fulton; John Clifford; Jose Diez; Larry Granger; Michael David; Michael Doerr; Karen James-Preston

Subject: Re: FYI: Decision Memo-Import Exemptions

Hi Jere - I just called your office and Paula said that you went home sick. I hope you are feeling better soon.

Let us know if you are not feeling well in the morning, and one of us will take your place at this meeting.

TJ

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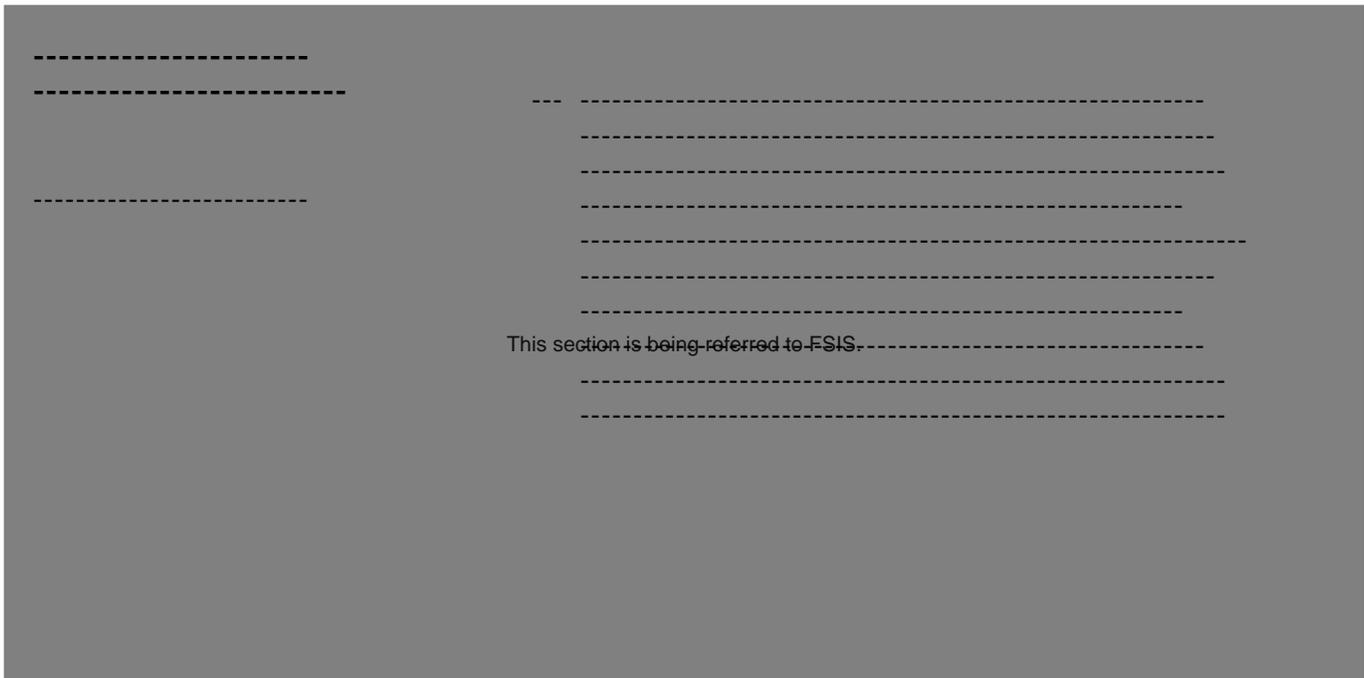
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Michael/Jacek/Alisa - FYI, since you will be acting tomorrow.
TJ

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Subject FYI: Meeting with FSIS 02-10-09

John, Bill,

Our technical folks met again today with FSIS for quite some time today. It will be important for you to have this information going into the 1pm meeting tomorrow.

It appears that several decisions are yet pending by FSIS, and that the cancellation of the other permits is not immediately imminent based upon the dates listed.

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Subject Meeting with FSIS

Tuesday, February 10, 2009, APHIS (VS and PPO, VRS) met with FSIS in the first Team USDA meeting.

APHIS and FSIS reviewed the list of 812 VS permits issued by for all meat and egg food commodities. The previous list of 346 VS permits did not include egg commodities. FSIS had previously relayed to APHIS that they did not regulate eggs and certain egg products so these egg commodities were removed for the original 812 list leaving 346 VS Permits issued for meat food products. Based on APHIS' needing further clarification from FSIS regarding which egg commodities FSIS regulates, these egg commodities were added back to the original list resulting in 812 permits issued by VS.

During the permit review, a number of permits were eliminated based on FSIS's knowledge that the commodity was not regulated by FSIS or already

met FSIS requirements. APHIS will identify these permits and have a new list by Wednesday, February, 11, 2009

FSIS will provide clarification to APHIS regarding egg commodities they regulate. APHIS should have this information by Friday, February 13, 2009

FSIS decided that they can not immediately cancel VS permits until they receive information from the importer that their product is from an approved source.

FSIS will provide a letter for APHIS to send to the identified importers notifying each one the information needed by FSIS to make a determination on cancellation of permits.

FSIS said they should have this information ready for APHIS by Friday, February 13, 2009

PPQ, VRS will be meeting with CBP to provide them with a status of where APHIS and FSIS are with respect to these permits.

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Date: 03/04/2009 05:56 PM

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Dr. Karen A. James-Preston

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Date: 03/05/2009 07:45 AM

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To: [Jere L Dick](#)
Subject: Re: FYI: Quick readout of Secretary's meeting
Date: 02/06/2009 12:42 PM

Key language- [during his confirmation hearing, the Congressmen stressed how USDA should follow the intent of the legislation.](#)

In case you missed that tea leaf. :-)

Catherine

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02/06/2009 12:35 PM

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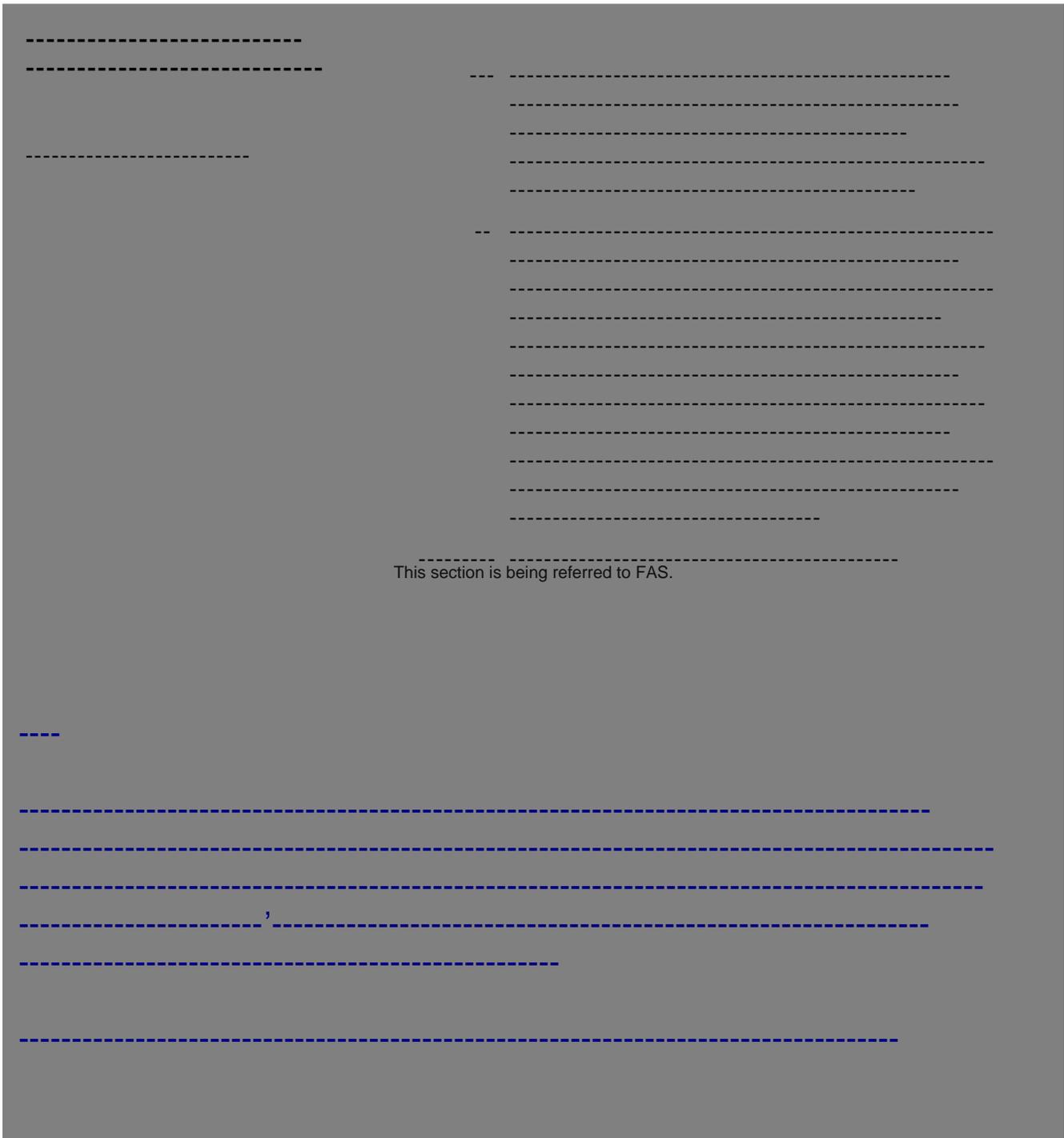
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Subject: Re: HEADS-UP: Product Permit Issuance
Date: 03/04/2009 10:52 AM

Yes, sir. I have not yet gotten the FSIS POC for the new process designated, but am working on it.

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To: [Thomas J Myers](#)
cc: [Elizabeth M Brown](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [Jill B Rolland](#); [Michael R Doerrerr](#)
Subject: Re: Heparin doc revised
Date: 02/06/2009 11:32 AM
Attachments: [Heparin 2-6-09 v2.doc](#)

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Subject Re: Heparin doc revised

Hi Karen -

Attached is the summary we sent downtown to Jere. He has forwarded it to Cindy Smith.

Since you are our primary contact with Steve in FSIS and Dominique in FDA and have their e-mail addresses, can you please forward this summary to them. It will be good to make sure we all stay on the same page and have the same understanding across the 3 agencies. And thank them again for speaking with us this morning.

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02/06/2009 10:50 AM

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To: [John K Greifer](#)
cc: [Dan J Sheesley](#); [Frederick A Thomas](#); [Jiancong Yao](#); [John Clifford](#); [Osvaldo Perez](#); [Russell T Caplen](#); [Theresa Boyle](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Thomas J Myers](#)
Subject: Re: heparin supply problems
Date: 02/06/2009 08:21 AM

John, FYI,

I have already tasked NCIE to research this issue with FDA this morning, so it would be good to visit with TJ Myers, Acting NAHPP ADA. I have asked for an update by 10:30 am, and we all need to be aware of the facts and on the same page. Thanks much!

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Subject Re: heparin supply problems

Work through Russ so we have consistent POCs and communications.

Thanks

▼ [Dan J Sheesley](#)

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From: Dan J Sheesley

Sent: 02/05/2009 11:18 PM EST

To: Osvaldo Perez; John Greifer

Cc: Russell Caplen; Theresa Boyle; Frederick Thomas; Jiancong Yao;
John Clifford; Jere Dick

Subject: Re: heparin supply problems

Osvaldo,

Thank you for the updates. I've included VS here. Please begin sending daily updates as you receive them. High priority to track impact. A matrix with products, quantities, and dollar impact would be a bonus.

Thanks again!

Dan

▼ [Osvaldo Perez](#)

----- Original Message -----

From: Osvaldo Perez

Sent: 02/06/2009 10:44 AM ZE8

To: Dan Sheesley; John Greifer

Cc: Russell Caplen; Theresa Boyle; Frederick Thomas; Jiancong Yao

Subject: Fw: heparin supply problems

Guys,

Below please find first pushback from China or repercussion from the FSIS regulation of not allowing shipments containing poultry or poultry products from China. It seems that since APHIS cancelled import permits for Heparin, AQSIQ is no longer issuing export health certificates for this product, hence, a potential shortage of Heparin in the U.S. John or Russ, please keep me informed on HQ discussion on this matter as this will be followed very closely by Post.

Osvaldo

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Agreed. Russ is, as always, a resource to you folks.

JG

▼ [Jere L Dick](#)

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Subject: Re: heparin supply problems
John, FYI,

I have already tasked NCIE to research this issue with FDA this morning, so it would be good to visit with TJ Myers, Acting NAHPP ADA. I have asked for an update by 10:30 am, and we all need to be aware of the facts and on the same page. Thanks much!

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Thanks, Abbey.....your bad! I have every confidence that you and James can handle. Frankly, I thought you and the NAIS staff had done a good job of walking that fine line between the old administrations guidance and possible new avenues when I read it.....a difficult situation to be in.

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [Michael J David](#)
cc: [Michael R Doerr](#); [Thomas J Myers](#)
Subject: Re: Import Statement and Process
Date: 02/26/2009 01:58 PM

Thanks, I will be up shortly.

▼ [Michael J David](#)

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From: Michael J David
Sent: 02/26/2009 01:54 PM EST
To: Jere Dick
Cc: Michael Doerr; Thomas Myers
Subject: Import Statement and Process

Jere ... the 2:30PM hour is almost here ... however, I wanted you to be aware that NCIE has formulated the "import statement" with FSIS, and has also developed the process for issuing permits (at least through the next 18 months) ... both these items are currently getting a final review by FSIS (Mary Stanley) ... we have asked them to get back to us by 2PM.

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Date: 02/04/2009 10:03 AM

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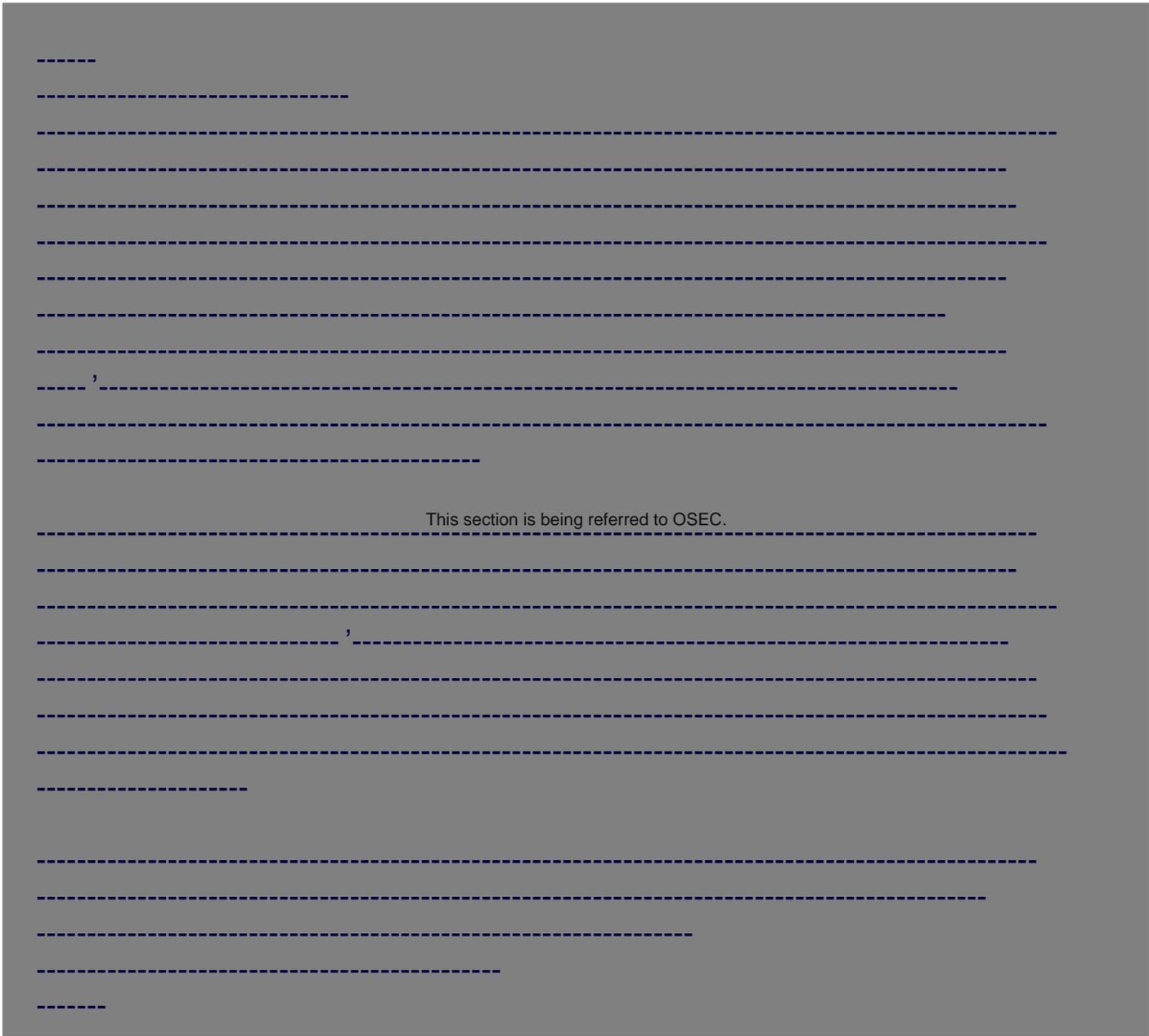
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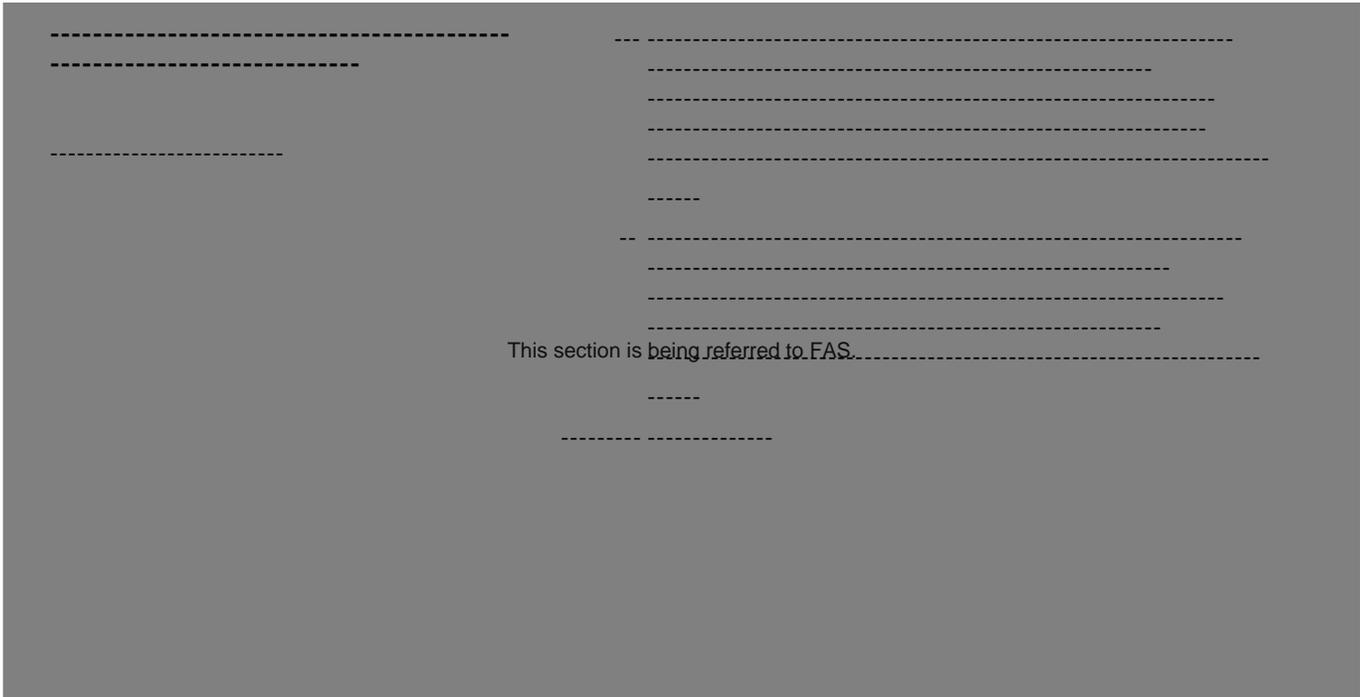
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Hi Jere -

Karen and staff have queried the system, but it will take time to pull the data you need regarding the number of permits that will be impacted by the FSIS decision to require all products that contain any amount of any type of meat to come from approved facilities. So here are just a few things we can say at this point:

1. As a quick and dirty response, here is a list of countries that the NCIE staff know will be affected, just based on their experience: Egypt, SE Asia. (S. Korea, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, China, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Cambodia, Burma, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam), Bermuda, Central

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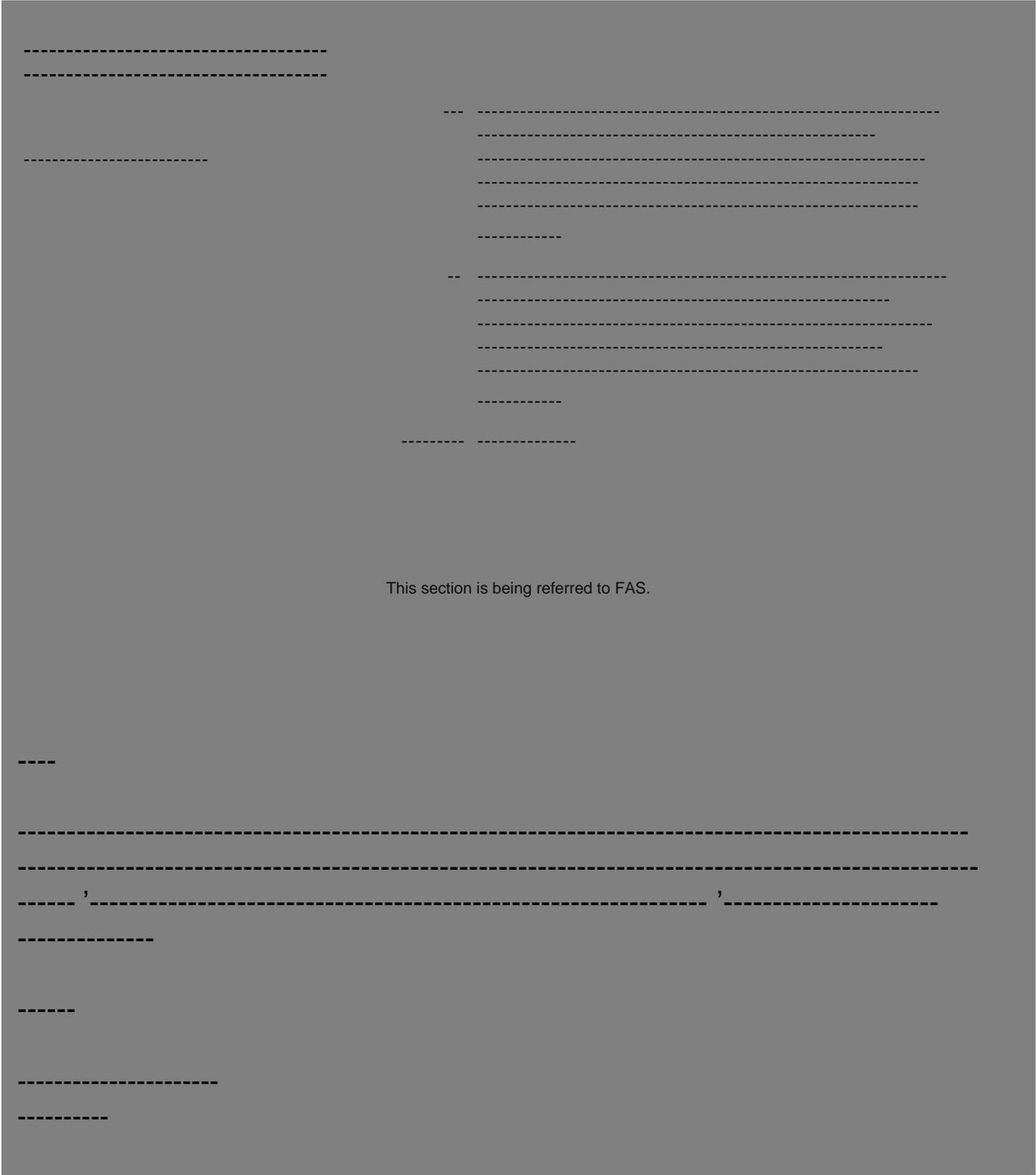
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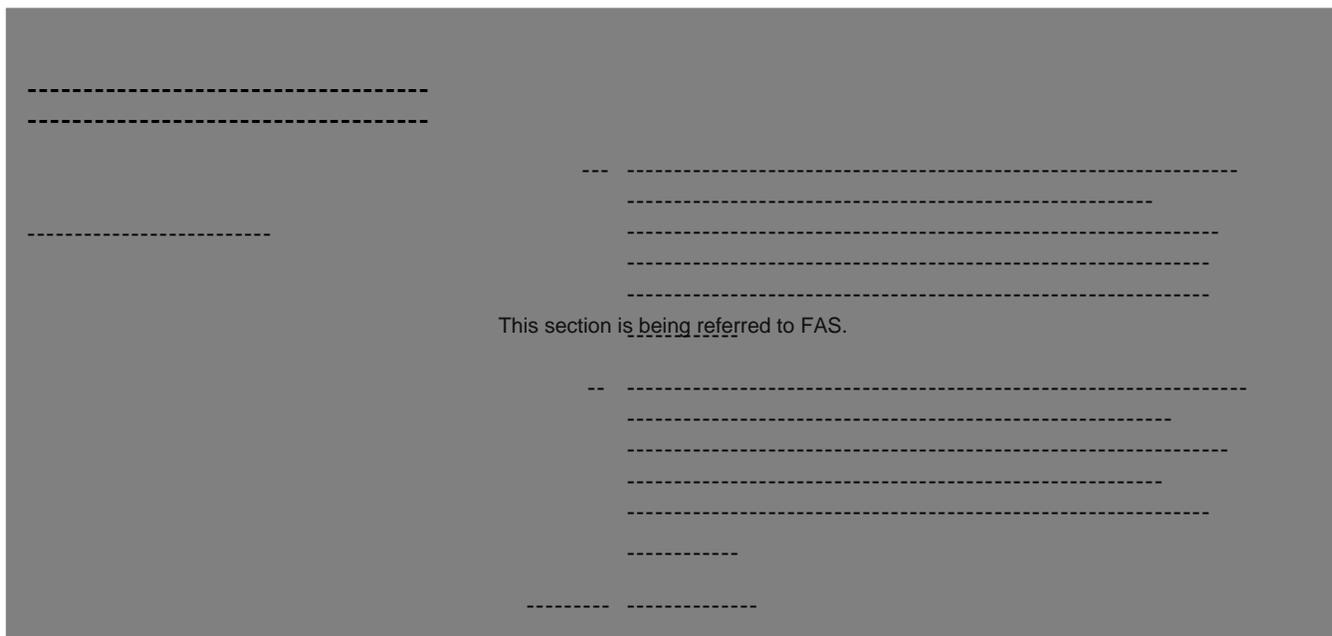
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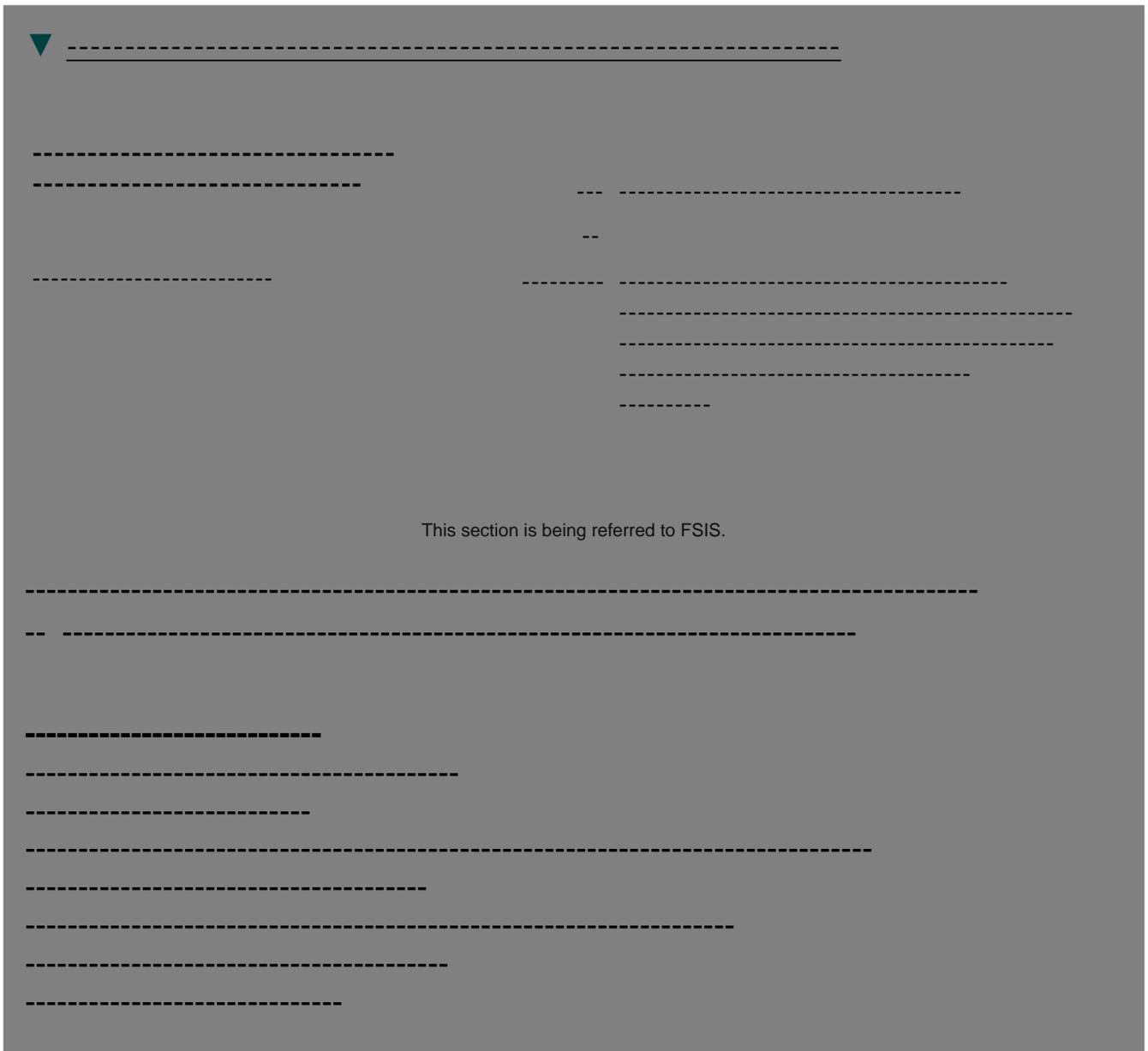
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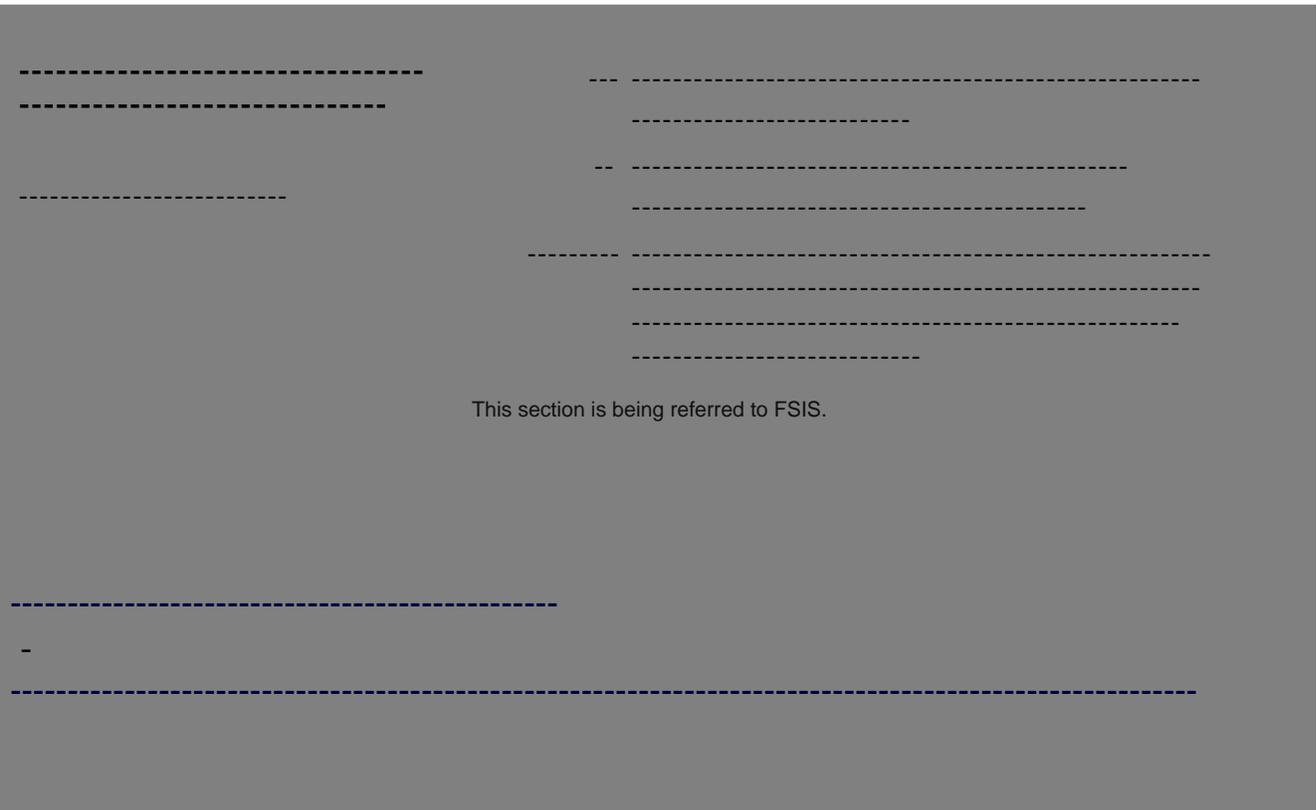
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