

amount, from countries that do not have U.S. equivalent slaughter and inspection procedures. Prior to this time, products containing less than 2 percent meat content were not covered under FSIS regulation.

At this time APHIS and FSIS are working together to determine which permits should be cancelled based on current FSIS regulations and in light of a pending Notice of Increased Enforcement that FSIS will publish in the Federal Register.

APHIS and FSIS will be working more closely to ensure regulations regarding the importation of products containing meat and poultry ingredients are properly followed. APHIS and FSIS will now issue permits jointly to ensure requirements designed to protect both animal and human health are met.

APHIS VS will notify those permit holders whose permits have been cancelled. Additionally, APHIS will notify the World Organization for Animal Health and industry stakeholders that this action is not due to a risk to animal health.

APHIS is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) to ensure products with cancelled permits do not enter the United States.

Questions and Answers

Q. How many permits are going to be cancelled?

A. APHIS and FSIS are reviewing permits now to determine which ones will be cancelled. More than 800 permits are under review. The vast majority of the permits are for products with less than 2 percent meat content from countries with non-equivalent status.

Q. How did chicken bouillon from China that is banned by FSIS regulation get an APHIS VS permit?

A. APHIS VS issues permits based on animal health considerations. None of the product in question that has been permitted by VS poses a risk to animal health. APHIS VS permits bear a statement directing the importer to contact FSIS and the Department of Health and Human Service's (DHHS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure their requirements are met. In addition, APHIS sends a copy of the permit to FSIS after it is approved. Should an importer not contact FSIS, it is possible that a shipment can be made that has a VS permit but does not comply with FSIS regulation. In the future, APHIS and FSIS will issue permits jointly.

Q. Why does product destined for human consumption need an APHIS VS permit to enter the United States?

A. APHIS VS is charged with protecting animal health in the United States. Food products for human consumption made with ingredients of animal origin can pose a risk to U.S animal health if they inadvertently enter the animal food supply. Therefore APHIS VS issues permits for certain products made with animal ingredients.

Q. How many countries have FSIS equivalent status?

A. Nine. Australia, Canada, Chile, France, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Israel, Mexico, and New Zealand.

Q. How much product will be affected by the cancelation of these permits?

A.?

Q. How was the chicken bouillon shipment from China discovered?

A. On January 27, FSIS contacted APHIS regarding a shipment of granulated chicken bouillon from China. The shipment entered with a valid VS permit and an export veterinary health certificate meeting APHIS regulations. CBP had questions, stopped the shipment, and contacted FSIS. FSIS refused entry because the chicken bouillon did not meet FSIS import requirements.

Q. Is human health in the United States jeopardized as a result of imports that occurred that did not meet FSIS requirements?

A. FSIS.

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cc: [Elizabeth M Brown](#); [Karen A James-Preston](#); [Larry M Granger](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#)
Subject: Re: Today's meat import update
Date: 02/06/2009 04:53 PM
Attachments: [Meat imports update 2-6-09 v2.doc](#)

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02/06/2009 04:31 PM

cc Michael R Doerrer/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject Today's meat import update

I added three bullet points from today. At TJ's request, we'll keep the heparin issue very general until we have more details.



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Thanks to all!

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Subject Update on Permitting

Jere -- Dr. David prepared this update.

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

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

1. Processed 109 permits - either new permits or for renewals
2. Included in these 109 permits, are the 2 permits from China that were re-instated
3. Of the 28 permits from China that were cancelled, NCIE has contacted

all 28 of the permittees by phone and sent an e-mail to confirm that contact

4. Countries/territories for which NCIE 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.

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Subject: Re: Update: Permitting notice
Date: 03/27/2009 07:19 AM

The document was completed and sent to Steve and Mary yesterday to review

Dr. Karen A. James-Preston

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This has been vetted through the OSec for weeks, so it shouldn't be a problem to approve at the Agency level.

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03/26/2009 08:32 AM

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This has been vetted through the OSec for weeks, so it shouldn't be a problem to approve at the Agency level.

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Thanks for your note TJ, and yes, APHIS is drafting a "Dear Importer" letter with the needed information to notify importers of the changes, We should have a draft ready later today.

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Sent: Thu Mar 19 13:03:47 2009
Subject: RE: Updated Import Permit Talking Points, Q&As and Communication
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Date: 02/15/2009 12:16 PM

Great, it must be the bb coblins!

From: Ed C Curlett
Sent: 02/15/2009 12:01 PM EST
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Subject: Re: Updated Talking points, Q and A

Jere I got a couple sets of eyes on this and while the sentence is on the complex side, it does contain subject, verb, object.

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Subject: Re: Updated Talking points, Q and A

Jere and all,

I've taken a sentence out of the second talking point to further simplify. Please have a look.

APHIS Talking Points On Imports Containing Meat, Poultry or Egg Products

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), at the direction of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), is cancelling a number of permits for imports containing meat, poultry, or egg products.

APHIS is taking this action at the direction of FSIS following the recent discovery that a

shipment from

China

of granulated chicken bouillon containing less than 2 percent poultry product entered the

United States

with a valid APHIS Veterinary Service (VS) import permit.

FSIS has directed APHIS to cancel import permits for products containing any meat, poultry or egg products, regardless of amount, from countries that do not have U.S. equivalent slaughter and inspection procedures.

At this time, APHIS and FSIS are working together to determine which permits should be cancelled based on current FSIS regulations and in light of a pending Notice of Increased Enforcement that FSIS will publish in the Federal Register.

APHIS and FSIS are working more closely to ensure regulations regarding the importation of products containing meat, poultry, or egg products are properly followed. APHIS and FSIS are working on a process to issue permits jointly to ensure requirements designed to protect both animal and human health are met.

APHIS VS will notify those permit holders whose permits have been cancelled.

Additionally, APHIS will notify the World Organization for Animal Health and industry stakeholders that this action is not due to a risk to animal health.

APHIS and FSIS are working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) to ensure products with cancelled permits do not enter the United States.

Questions and Answers

Q. How many permits are going to be cancelled?

A. APHIS and FSIS are reviewing permits now to determine which ones will be cancelled. More than 800 permits are under review. The vast majority of the permits are for products with less than 2 percent of meat, poultry, or egg content from countries with non-equivalent status.

Q. How did chicken bouillon from China that is banned by FSIS regulation get an APHIS VS permit?

A. APHIS VS issues permits based on animal health considerations. None of the product in question that has been permitted by VS poses a risk to animal health. APHIS VS permits bear a statement directing the importer to contact FSIS and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure their requirements are met. In addition, APHIS sends a copy of the permit to FSIS after it is approved. Should an importer not contact FSIS, it is possible that a shipment can be made that has a VS permit but does not comply with FSIS regulation. In the future, APHIS and FSIS will issue permits jointly.

Q. Why does product destined for human consumption need an APHIS VS permit to enter the United States?

A. APHIS VS is charged with protecting animal health in the United States. Food products for human consumption made with ingredients of animal origin can pose a risk to U.S. animal health if they inadvertently enter the animal food supply. Therefore APHIS VS issues permits for certain products made with animal ingredients.

Q. How many countries have FSIS equivalent status?

A. FSIS.

Q. How was the chicken bouillon shipment from China discovered?

A. On January 27, FSIS contacted APHIS regarding a shipment of granulated chicken bouillon from China . The shipment entered with a valid VS permit and an export veterinary health certificate meeting APHIS regulations. CBP had questions, stopped the shipment, and contacted FSIS. FSIS refused entry because the chicken bouillon did not meet FSIS import requirements.

Q. Is human health in the United States jeopardized as a result of imports that occurred that did not meet FSIS requirements?

A. FSIS.

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Sent: 02/15/2009 09:54 AM EST
To: Jere Dick
Cc: John Clifford; Bethany Jones; James Ivy; Meghan Klingel; Michael Doerrer; Ed Curlett
Subject: Re: Updated Talking points, Q and A

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Ed

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cc: [Alisa D Robinson](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [Karen A James-Preston](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#)
Subject: Re: URGENT: DUE BY 9:00 AM FRIDAY - additional talking points for Jere's Hill briefing
Date: 03/19/2009 09:36 PM
Attachments: [APHIS Role in issuing permits DRAFT v2.doc](#)

TJ,

I just made some minor edits to your draft (calling it now version 2) ...
Karen may be able to fill in a sentence on the AHP Act ... and maybe add another point or two to the TPs if needed.
(edits shown in track changes)

Michael David



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03/19/2009 06:45 PM

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Michael, Michael, Karen and Alisa -

Below is the agenda for tomorrow - Jere just received this at 5:00 from the Hill. He would like us to put together some bullets that address agenda item #4. I took a quick stab at this, in the interest of time. It needs to be fleshed out first thing in the morning. He needs it by 9 for the meeting at 10.

Thanks!
TJ

[attachment "APHIS Role in issuing permits DRAFT.doc" deleted by Michael J David/MD/APHIS/USDA]

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02/05/2009 05:57 PM

cc Thomas J Myers/MD/APHIS/USDA, Larry M Granger/
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02/06/2009 10:56 AM

Subject Research: USDA Import Issue with Heparin-URGENT [Link](#)

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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To: [Steven A Karli](#)
cc: [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Re: USDA Permit issue matters.
Date: 02/25/2009 07:47 PM

Thanks Steve. Great to hear from you!

From: Steven A Karli
Sent: 02/25/2009 05:17 PM EST
To: Dan Sheesley
Cc: Catherine Fulton; Jere Dick; John Clifford
Subject: Re: USDA Permit issue matters.

Hi Dan - hope all is well with you these days!

I have been informed by the OA that we are to continue to hold on these permits. I advised them the numbers are adding up significantly, but there has been no change on the position with FSIS to date. The OA indicated there is a meeting scheduled for March 9 at which time an update will be provided.

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Dan,

I sent your message to Steve Karli. He will find out from OA if we can renew these permits or if we still need to hold.

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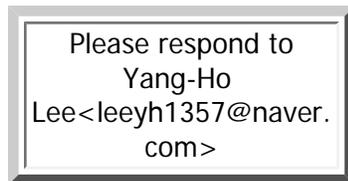
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Example)

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Subject: Re: USDA Permit issue matters.

Clay, John responded to Dan Sheesley on this issue earlier today. Basically, there are more than 140 permits awaiting right now. We are getting about five new requests a day and until we get a clear signal on future action around this issue we will continue to be on hold regarding new issuances. I am not sure of all the countries. I have copied Dr TJ Myers and will see if they can give you an idea of

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Subject: Re: USDA Permit issue matters.
Date: 02/25/2009 05:30 PM

Clay, John responded to Dan Sheesley on this issue earlier today. Basically, there are more than 140 permits awaiting right now. We are getting about five new requests a day and until we get a clear signal on future action around this issue we will continue to be on hold regarding new issuances. I am not sure of all the countries. I have copied Dr TJ Myers and will see if they can give you an idea of the countries involved.

----- This section is being referred to FAS. -----

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Subject: FW: USDA Permit issue matters.

Mr. Hamilton,

I am waiting your response regarding the inspection of the Korean products including the meat and poultry ingredients less than 2-3%

which originate from countries eligible to export to the US.

We have another serious problem. APHIS, USDA, do not give the import renewal permit to the importer of the Korean products since Jan. 2009. I want to know USDA APHIS has changed any policy regarding this and what the reason, logic and scientific basis of the holding are. Please find the following e-mail which was sent to me from the importer.

I and our Government are seriously worrying about the recent restrictions on the Korean products to import to US.

I will appreciate your quick response.

Sincerely,

Yang-Ho Lee

-----Original [Message](#)-----

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Dear Mr. Lee

We have been applied USDA import renewal permit since Jan. 2009. Dr. Lynette (USDA) told me that they received letter from Head Dept. with all hold permit issues except Countries/Products Eligible for Export to the United States. This morning, I called again but they have to held permit until when do they received any letter from Head Dept.

Example)

This is Rhee Bros import permit number C-8351 send renewal permit Jan. 13, 2009 to USDA.

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USDA ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE/ VETERINARY SERVICES/

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Subject: Re: User Fee Activity: Poultry Imports from China - document review draft comments - Dr. Robinson & Elshafie please review
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Think this is a bridge to cross when we come to it. Let's see what OGC's interpretation is and go from there.

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