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To: [Michael J David](#)
cc: [Jere L Dick](#); [Jose R Diez](#); [Larry M Granger](#); [Thomas J Myers](#); [Jane E Levy](#); [Bill Clay](#); [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Fw: Latest on 2% reaction
Date: 03/13/2009 03:54 PM

FYI- although my impression from my chat with FSIS is that there is more FSIS action/recall action today that has yet to be announced. Stay tuned... I'll send anything that I find or get from FSIS as soon as I get it.

Catherine

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: Fw: Meat import update
Date: 02/13/2009 06:18 PM
Attachments: [Meat imports update 2-11-09 v2.doc](#)

First thing on Tuesday morning it might be good to cut and paste the CBP demands below, so that the Administrator and USec know of CBP's demands. I believe they are meeting with the Commissioner of CBP at 11 am.

Thanks

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02/13/2009 02:42 PM

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Subject Fw: Meat import update

Just FYI on CBP questions for/communication with FSIS. Of note is what CBP says it will need from APHIS (including tariff codes -- which will be difficult -- and a letter to the CBP commissioner).

----- Forwarded by Karen A James-Preston/MD/APHIS/USDA on 02/13/2009 02:26 PM -----

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To Karen A James-Preston/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA,
Christopher C Robinson/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

02/13/2009 02:30 PM

cc

Subject Fw: Meat import update

Dr. James,

As requested by Dr. Bell I am forwarding the meat import update response from CBP to you for your review. Please forward this information on to the appropriate FSIS personnel at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance.

Have a wonderful day.

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cc:

Subject: Fw: Meat import update

02/13/2009 01:25 PM

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Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 11:55 AM
To: EVANS, PETRINA O
Cc: FORET, VERNON T
Subject: Fw: Meat import update

Petrina

This is the bullets on the FSIS meat and meat product import update about these permits being cancelled. See e-mail below.

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CC Alisa D Robinson/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject Meat import update

Here is today's meat import update. Note that the most recent addition is



now at the top of the document. [Meat imports update 2-11-09 v2.doc](#)

From: [Catherine S Fulton](#)
To: [John Clifford](#); [Jere L Dick](#)
cc: [Sharon S Fisher](#); [Jose R Diez](#)
Subject: Fw: Meeting
Date: 02/26/2009 09:38 AM
Importance: High

FYI, Sharon F is making sure that Kevin gets a copy of the CBP info from NCIE and the CBP ppt. She'll also get you a copy before the call. I only sent forward the summary, not second page with the NCIE concerns. And I just gave Bill Clay a copy of the summary and ppt, too.

Catherine

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Kevin A Shea/MD/APHIS/USDA

02/26/2009 09:10 AM

To John Clifford/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

cc

Subject Re: Meeting

Both, if possible

▼ [John Clifford](#)

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

From: John Clifford
Sent: 02/26/2009 08:30 AM EST
To: Kevin Shea
Subject: Re: Meeting

Kevin,

Do you want both Jere and I or just one of us for 10.

▼ [Kevin A Shea](#)

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

From: Kevin A Shea

Sent: 02/25/2009 05:45 PM EST

To: "Cindy.Smith@osec.usda.gov" <Cindy.Smith@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: APHIS OA; John Clifford; Jere Dick

Subject: RE: Meeting

Can we call in too? I am planning to be in Riverdale and the VS Management Team (and others who might be involved) will be as well. If that is OK, I would join in, and have either John or Jere with me (John may be on the Hill for the vet shortage hearing).



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From: Harrison, CarolynE -USDA
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 6:20 AM
To: Mitchell, Marlene -USDA
Subject: Fw: Meeting

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From: [Adrienne M Burch](#)
To: [VSDA Assistants](#); [Theresa C Braddock](#)
cc: [Jere L Dick](#); [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Fw: Monthly meeting with FSIS
Date: 02/23/2009 09:22 AM
Importance: High

Good Morning,

Kevin wants to start having a monthly meeting between APHIS and FSIS. VS and IS are participants in these meetings. They should take place on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 10 am with the exception of the first meeting which will be held some time during the week of March 4th due to an FSIS conflict.

Please place this recurring meeting on the calendars of Dan Sheesley and/or John Greifer for IS, and on John Clifford's and/or Jere Dick's calendars for VS.

VS - please also send this invite to VS NCIE Leader (be it the NAHPP Acting Associate, or an established NCIE team leader)

Adrienne M. Burch

*APHIS Office of
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Secretary

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02/19/2009 05:07 PM

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Subject Monthly meeting with FSIS

Hi guys,

Can you work with Mary Frances over at FSIS again (she's out sick, but might be back tomorrow), this time to set up a monthly meeting in 305-E or the FSIS conference room on the first Wednesday of the month, maybe at 10a.m.? I'll warn you that FSIS may have a conflict with the first month (March 4) so that one will have to go on a different day of the week, but otherwise, we would like them to occur on the first Wednesday, if possible. This is in addition to the weekly meeting you just set up on Mondays.

The purpose of the monthly meeting is to establish a forum between APHIS and FSIS to discuss any program updates of interest the other agency, issues of concern or conflict, and areas for future cooperation. The idea is to work together and discuss issues on a more routine basis, rather than only during emergencies. We will send an agenda around to everyone several days in advance, but one of the items for the first meeting is to discuss potential topics for future meetings.

The meetings should include the following participants:

APHIS

Administrator (Kevin)

Associate Administrator (Bill)

Chief(s) of Staff (Jane and Sharon)

VSDA (John or Jere)

VS NCIE Leader (be it the NAHPP Acting Associate, or an established NCIE team leader)

IS (Dan or John Greifer)

PPQ's Veterinary Regulatory Staff (Alan Green)

FSIS (Lisa, jump in here if I'm assigning the wrong names)

Administrator (Al Almanza)

Deputy Administrator (Bryce Quick)

Chief of Staff (Lisa Wallenda Picard)

Office of Field Operations (Ken Petersen)

Office of Policy and Program Development (Phil Derfler)

Office of International Affairs (Ron Jones)

Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement and Review (Bill Smith)

Other Invitees

OGC-Tom Walsh or Sheila Novak

Let me know what questions you have. Thanks!

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: [Bill Clay](#); [John Clifford](#)
cc: [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: Fw: New APHIS permits --question ?
Date: 02/12/2009 02:04 PM
Attachments: [2009-0006, 2-10-09, yellow.doc](#)
[APHIS permits Sorted - New Policy.xls](#)

FYI.....

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02/12/2009 01:10 PM

To Steve.McDermott@fsis.usda.gov

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Subject Fw: New APHIS permits --question ?

Steve

NCIE read FSIS's draft Notice of Increased Enforcement attached below and provided no comments to our Deputy's office this morning because we did not see anything that needed to be brought to the attention of our Deputy. However, based on your recent email below regarding products now having to come from FSIS approved facilities, I have concerns. NCIE is a little confused about your statement that FSIS now has to determine if

any of the "exempted" products need to come from an approved establishment in Canada and other countries that are approved and the language in the Notice.

The draft Notice language below in blue does not appear to be clear that the "exempted" products need to come from an approved establishment. The Notice references 381.196(b) which as I understand ... only addresses the country's status. There is no mention of 381.196(a) which as I understand... addresses the facility's status. If I am incorrect in my understanding of the regulations, please let me know..

Notice Language:

The poultry ingredients used in the product were prepared under inspection as defined in §381.1, or were inspected under a foreign inspection system and approved under §381.196(b) and imported in compliance with the Act and the regulations;

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fw: Permit Documents
Date: 03/04/2009 10:22 AM
Attachments: [CBPoversight.doc](#)
[Talking Points on Import Permits-China.doc](#)
[Talking Points on Import Permits.doc](#)
[DRAFT Strengthening Import Permit Policies - Communication Strategy.doc](#)
[Memo to SEC re import permits.doc](#)

These are from yesterday and will be tweaked a little after meetings this morning in the Secretary's Office,,,,, but are near final.

I will plan on giving you a call and discussing all the issues once a final decision is made.

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From: [Jere L Dick](#)
To: William.Smith@FSIS.usda.gov
cc: [Thomas J Myers](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#); [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: Fw: Permits issued for all products containing less than 2% meat from all countries.
Date: 02/06/2009 10:04 AM
Attachments: [1FSIS counties permits 2 5 09.xls](#)

Hi Bill,

Here is the preliminary data from yesterday. Our folks (FSIS/APHIS) are going through these closely now to insure that each either meets or does not meet the criteria. Stay tuned for updated figures. I explained to them yesterday that it is very important that we are both using the same spreadsheets and numbers.

Thanks

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02/05/2009 12:18 PM

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cc Karen A James-Preston/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA,
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Subject Re: Permits issued for all products containing less
than 2% meat from all countries.

Jere/Catherine -

Here is the list of permits that are affected by the new FSIS enforcement decision. There are a total of 346 permits for products containing less than

2% meat (any type, not just poultry) from any country. 37 permits are from countries that FSIS considers equivalent; 309 permits are from countries that are not equivalent.

I will send this information to FSIS after you have had a chance to see it first. Please let me know if you have any questions.

BTW - the NCIE folks did an outstanding job pulling this information together over the past 24 hours. This has not been an easy task because the e-permits system does not yet have a report-generating function that will allow for easy queries of this type. Consequently, the information below was generated by doing multiple keyword searches of the text contained in the database.

TJ

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02/05/2009 11:45 AM

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Subject Permits issued for all products containing less than 2% meat from all countries.

Attached is a spreadsheet identifying 346 Permits issued for products containing less than 2% meat from all countries:



1FSIS countries permits 2 5 09.xls

37 Permits issued for products containing less than 2% meat from countries approved by FSIS:

FSIS approved countries	# of permits
Australia	2
Canada	15
France	1
Hong Kong	4
Israel	6
Mexico	5
United Kingdom	4
Grand Total	37

309 Permits issued for products containing less than 2% meat from countries not approved by FSIS:

Countries not approved by FSIS	# of permits
Argentina	5
Brazil	4
China	7
Costa Rica	1
Croatia	3

Dominican Republic	2
Egypt	2
El Salvador	1
Germany	1
Guatemala	5
India	1
Jamaica	1
Japan	67
Jordan	1
Peru	4
Philippines	7
Poland	2
Saudi Arabia	1
Singapore	8
South Korea	170
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	9
Thailand	5
Venezuela	1
Grand Total	309

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To: [Jere L Dick](#)
cc: [John Clifford](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Carol A Payne](#)
Subject: Fw: Poultry ePermits query - China
Date: 01/29/2009 02:28 PM
Attachments: [China Poultry Permits 1-29-09.xls](#)

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Subject Poultry ePermits query - China

Karen, Jacek, Larry

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Based on what we could ascertain, there is only one shipment currently on the water. The importer is Wei-Chuan, USA, Inc.



China Poultry Permits 1-29-09.xls

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From: [Kevin A Shea](#)
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Subject: Fw: Progress on Two Task Teams
Date: 02/13/2009 06:19 PM

Please determine who this should be and alert them to be ready to attend.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:15 PM
To: SHEILA.NOVAK@OGC.USDA.GOV; Walsh, Thomas
Subject: Fw: Question on reissuing two Chinese permits

Sheila/Tom,

TJ got a failed delivery message when he sent this to you -- we wanted to make sure you got it.

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Subject Question on reissuing two Chinese permits

Hi Tom and Sheila -

We are going to be extending expired permits for all importers except the cancelled Chinese permits, beginning tomorrow, based on the Secretary's recent decision.

Regarding the Chinese cancelled permits, John C. asked me to run this question past you:

For the 2 Chinese permits that were cancelled but later found to be for ingredients from an approved source, we intend to reissue the permits for 60 days with the stronger language on the permit indicating the ingredients need to come from an approved source. Then after 60 days, any request for a renewed permit would go through the new process that includes FSIS review of the permit to validate the appropriateness of the source.

Do you see any problems with this approach for these two importers?

Thanks

TJ

Dr. T.J. Myers, Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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To: [Larry M Granger](#)
cc: [Thomas J Myers](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Bill Clay](#); [Sharon M Coursey](#); [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Fw: RE:
Date: 02/04/2009 06:08 PM

Larry,

We just finished all the Ames calls, so sorry to get back to you all so late.

I would like for you to be present for this meeting tomorrow afternoon. This is a high visibility issue and this office will rely upon you to continue to represent VS and keep us updated. Bill Clay visited with Cindy this evening and he will represent the Administrator's Office at the meeting, as Cindy instructed this morning.

Thanks

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Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 5:23 PM
To: Jones, Ronald
Cc: Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov; Larry.M.Granger@aphis.usda.gov
Subject: RE:

Ron,

I will ask Cindy as I have a meeting with her in a few minutes.

Bill

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From: Larry.M.Granger@aphis.usda.gov [mailto:Larry.M.Granger@aphis.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 3:26 PM

To: Jones, Ronald; Hicks, Ron

Cc: Bill.Clay@aphis.usda.gov; Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov

Subject:

I have updated Bill Clay, our acting Administrator, and will send him a summary of today's activities by the end of the day. He would like to attend the 10:00 am meeting scheduled for tomorrow, though I will probably have to call in. Thanks for the opportunity to spend time with you today. As it looks now we may have a data base query on the number of countries affected by tomorrow, for both poultry and meat used for human consumption that is from countries not equivalent to the USA.

Larry M Granger, D.V.M.

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From: [Melissa A Craig](#)
To: [John Clifford](#)
cc: [VSDA Assistants](#)
Subject: Fw: Re-issuing of Permits Appreciation Gathering
Date: 04/22/2009 09:12 AM

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Calendar Entry
Meeting



Subject Re-issuing of Permits Appreciation Gathering

Chair Thomas J Myers/MD/APHIS/USDA

When

Starts	Tue 04/28/2009	01:00 PM	1 hour
Ends	Tue 04/28/2009	02:00 PM	

Where

Location Training Room 3

Reserved No rooms or resources have been reserved

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Invitees **Invited** No invitees have been invited

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Description

Your Notes

From: [Michael R Doerrer](#)
To: [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Fw: Secretary update
Date: 02/05/2009 04:39 PM
Attachments: [Secretary Issues v2.doc](#)

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02/05/2009 04:34 PM

cc Alisa D Robinson/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, Karen
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Thomas J Myers/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA,
Elizabeth M Brown/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject Re: Secretary update

A very brief brief to accompany the brief prepared by FSIS. It may be worth noting that APHIS cannot quantify trade impacts without access to CBP data.



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02/05/2009 04:24 PM

cc Michael R Doerrler/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, Alisa
D Robinson/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

Subject Secretary update

I believe I've captured all the changes. I have to leave at 4:30 today, so if further editing is needed please send to Alisa. Thanks.

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To: [Thomas J Myers](#)
cc: [Michael R Doerr](#); [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: Fw: Trace Amounts-scanned doc
Date: 03/19/2009 01:58 PM
Attachments: [Trace Amounts-Table.doc](#)

TJ,

I made this little chart to serve as a cheat sheet for folks here in the department. Before I share it with others would you take a look at it and confirm that it reflects our agreements AND is what you have tasked folks to do.

Thanks! Appreciate the support.

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03/19/2009 01:53 PM

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Subject Trace Amounts-scanned doc



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Sincerely,

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To: [Thomas J Myers](#)
cc: [Michael R Doerrer](#); [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: Fw: Update on 2% issue
Date: 03/18/2009 02:47 PM

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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To: [Christopher C Robinson](#); [Tracye R Butler](#); [Joyce W Bowling-Heyward](#); [Simone J Dedrick](#); [Michael J David](#); [Thomas J Myers](#); [Kristin L Schmitz](#)
cc: [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Fw: Update on APHIS Acceptance of Electronically Generated Certificates [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: 03/03/2009 12:33 PM
Attachments: [Letter for Inedibles.pdf](#)

Fyi

NCIE products staff will discuss this issue with Michael David and then I will get back to Rob. I will send him an interim response letting him know I will get back to him.

Dr. Karen A. James-Preston

From: Rob.Williams
Sent: 03/03/2009 12:14 PM AST
To: Karen James-Preston
Cc: Christopher Robinson; Freeda Isaac; Sara Kaman; John Clifford
Subject: Update on APHIS Acceptance of Electronically Generated Certificates [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Karen,

I hope this email finds you well.

As it has been a year since AQIS wrote to USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services regarding its intention to move to electronically generated health certificates for inedible meat products, including pet food, I thought I should follow up with you on the letter (see attached) and subsequent discussions we have had on this issue. We had a profitable meeting in November 2008, but since then Australia has not had notification by APHIS VS of whether our new health certification is acceptable.

Could you please update me on where we are at with the AQIS intention to move to health certificates that are electronically generated, including the signature on the health certificate?

I understood you were seeking legal advice on 9CFR 95.29 (b) and compliance with this regulation. May I again state that other USDA agencies have been accepting our electronically generated certification for a number of years including FSIS and PPQ.

I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

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Agriculture-Veterinary Counsellor
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To: [John Clifford](#)
cc: Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov
Subject: Fw: USDA Permit issue matters.
Date: 02/25/2009 03:50 PM

FYI. Any developments?

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From: [John Clifford](#)
To: [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Steve Karli](#)
cc: [Jere Dick](#); [Thomas J Myers](#)
Subject: Fw: USDA Permit issue matters.
Date: 02/25/2009 03:58 PM

Steve,

We have put a hold on the renewal of these permits. Need to find out from OA if we can renew or continue to hold. We have about 130 permit request for these type of products.

John

▼ [Dan J Sheesley](#)

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From: Dan J Sheesley
Sent: 02/25/2009 03:50 PM EST
To: John Clifford
Cc: Jere Dick
Subject: Fw: USDA Permit issue matters.

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From: [Dan J Sheesley](#)
To: [John Clifford](#)
Subject: Fw: USDA Permit issue matters.
Date: 02/26/2009 10:30 AM

JC,
Unless you advise otherwise I'm going to say NO to this proposed meeting TODAY. It will not go over well with the Koreans.
Dan

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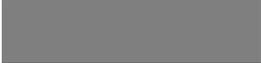
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cc: [Michael R Doerr](#); [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: FYI: FSIS Draft FR Notice
Date: 02/12/2009 10:04 AM
Attachments: [2009-0006, 2-10-09, yellow.doc](#)

Bill,

A draft copy of the FSIS notice is attached below for your information. We do not yet know when they intend to publish. The technical groups (FSIS/ APHIS) continue to meet on the permits to finalize identification of those permits that will be withdrawn.

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02/12/2009 09:29 AM

Subject Fw: FW:

Sir,

Drs. Clifford and Dick asked me to let you know that VS has no comments or suggested changes on the document below.

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Subject: FYI: FSIS meeting summary
Date: 03/10/2009 11:44 AM
Attachments: [APHIS-FSIS Meeting Summary 03-09-2009.doc](#)

Kevin,

We have begun to followup on the action items from yesterday's meeting. Below is a short summary for your information.

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Subject FSIS meeting summary

Michael/Karen/Gary/LeeAnn -

Attached are the notes from our meeting yesterday with FSIS to discuss closer working relationships. Please note the action items that we will need to complete so we are ready for next month's meeting. Michael will be

NAHPP's primary attendee for future meetings.

Thanks
TJ



APHIS-FSIS Meeting Summary 03-09-2009.doc

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Subject: FYI: FSIS-APHIS Work on China Permits
Date: 02/27/2009 01:42 PM

Below: The results of our search on the source of products from the China cancelled permits.

By copy of this email, I will ask Maurine Bell, PPQ/VRS, to immediately provide the information (on the two permits) to CBP, as we promised them on this mornings conference call. They can then target those for additional "hold" through the weekend until a decision is made by the OSec.

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Subject Re: Fw: FSIS-APHIS steps

Jere,

FSIS provided us with the list of permits they wanted us to cancel. Based on our conversation yesterday, NCIE reviewed the permits and identified:

- **2 permits sourced poultry products from the US. (C-3916 and C-8678).** When APHIS receives an OK to reissue these 2 permits, they will be reissued. In the top right corner of each permit there will be the same permit number with the word "renewed" under it. There will also be a statement under Restrictions in the body of the permit indicating that this permit was reinstated.
- **21 permits indicated that the importer sourced poultry products from China, Sinapore, Taiwan, and/or Japan,** all of these countries not eligible under FSIS requirements to export poultry meat to the US.
- **2 permit listed the US, Sinapore, Malaysia an/or Taiwan as the poultry source. The importer would have to request an amendment to their permit to specify the source to be US only. When and if they do this, we will reissue the permit.**
- **5 permits did not provide a source** on any documents submitted to APHIS. The applicant stated only that the product was being shipped from China and indicated a time and temperature for processing. Most of our importers know if the product comes from the US there are no processing time or temperature requirements. Therefore, we can only assume that the products were sourced from a China. If FSIS would like to know the exact source for these products the information would have to come from the importers. That said, when the word gets around to the ports regarding US sourcing is OK, then we can expect that a few of the importers will contact us to amend their permits.

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[Thomas J Myers](#); [Karen A James-Preston](#); [Jere L Dick](#)
Subject: FYI: Meeting with FSIS 02-10-09
Date: 02/10/2009 04:30 PM

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 PPQ, 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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Subject: FYI: New APHIS List - Permits
Date: 02/12/2009 11:27 AM
Attachments: [APHIS permits Sorted - New Policy.xls](#)

Bill/John, just an FYI...an update on guidance from FSIS as of 11:00 am this morning.

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Subject Fw: New APHIS List - Permits

FYI only...this is a status report from FSIS. FSIS is reviewing the permit list APHIS provided them. A few policies have changed since the meeting on Tuesday. I underlined the areas that I consider important.

Sincerely,

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Director, TTST, Animal Products

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Subject: FYI: Permit issuing - update
Date: 03/26/2009 04:05 PM

Below, is an update on permit processing from APHIS:

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

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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 Argentina, Canada, China, Denmark, [France](#), Hong Kong, [India](#), Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taipei, Thailand, and Vietnam,

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cc: [Catherine S Fulton](#); [John Clifford](#)
Subject: FYI: Permits issued for all products containing less than 2% meat from all countries.
Date: 02/05/2009 07:00 PM
Attachments: [1FSIS counties permits 2 5 09.xls](#)

Bill,

Here is the information we discussed earlier in the day. Since then, I have tasked NAHPP to begin to rigorously review all of these permits with FSIS to make absolutely certain that each does/does not apply to their new regulatory interpretation. They are also working to break the list down further regarding poultry products vs. other meat products. This is a complicated task that will take a bit more time because FSIS indicated that their CFR is not up-to-date and we will need to work with them personally to insure accuracy.

Also, as discussed, Japan and South Korea appear to take the greatest hit but we will not know the extent until our work is finished with FSIS.

Thanks for your support this week.

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02/05/2009 12:18 PM

cc Karen A James-Preston/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA,
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Subject Re: Permits issued for all products containing less
than 2% meat from all countries.

Jere/Catherine -

Here is the list of permits that are affected by the new FSIS enforcement decision. There are a total of 346 permits for products containing less than 2% meat (any type, not just poultry) from any country. 37 permits are from countries that FSIS considers equivalent; 309 permits are from countries that are not equivalent.

I will send this information to FSIS after you have had a chance to see it first. Please let me know if you have any questions.

BTW - the NCIE folks did an outstanding job pulling this information together over the past 24 hours. This has not been an easy task because the e-permits system does not yet have a report-generating function that will allow for easy queries of this type. Consequently, the information below was generated by doing multiple keyword searches of the text contained in the database.

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02/05/2009 11:45 AM

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Subject Permits issued for all products containing less than 2% meat from all countries.

Attached is a spreadsheet identifying 346 Permits issued for products containing less then 2% meat from all countries:



1FSIS counties permits 2 5 09.xls

37 Permits issued for products containing less then 2% meat from countries approved by FSIS:

FSIS approved countries	# of permits
Australia	2
Canada	15
France	1
Hong Kong	4
Israel	6
Mexico	5
United Kingdom	4

309 Permits issued for products containing less than 2% meat from countries not approved by FSIS:

Countries not approved by FSIS	# of permits
Argentina	5
Brazil	4
China	7
Costa Rica	1
Croatia	3
Dominican Republic	2
Egypt	2
El Salvador	1
Germany	1
Guatemala	5
India	1
Jamaica	1
Japan	67
Jordan	1
Peru	4
Philippines	7
Poland	2
Saudi Arabia	1
Singapore	8
South Korea	170
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	9
Thailand	5
Venezuela	1

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Subject: FYI: Product Permits Decision
Date: 03/04/2009 03:40 PM

A final decision and meeting will be held tomorrow morning at 11:00 am with FSIS, FAS, etc. here downtown. I will call you immediately after that meeting to provide guidance. Folks should be ramping up to begin to issue product permits once again.

Thanks.

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Subject: FYI: Progress on Two Task Teams
Date: 02/13/2009 05:39 PM

Karen,

Here is a rough timeline for our activities next week.....assuming the Secretary gives it his blessing.

I will report to Riverdale to have an NCIE allhands meeting at 9:00 on Tuesday. Michael indicated he would assist with a room. I will stay until I am comfortable with all the logistics and then leave Michael in charge since he was here this week and knows the nuances. He will work closely with you to insure all of the first group of approximately 300 permits are cancelled by noon on Wednesday.

I will talk more on Tuesday. No need to respond now.

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Subject: FYI: Three Points for Discussion with Secretary
Date: 02/05/2009 05:41 PM
Attachments: [Secretary issues 2009-02-05.doc](#)

Cindy,

Hopefully this hits the mark for your request during our discussion earlier today. Please let me know if you need any further clarification.



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Subject: FYI: Trace Amounts Permitting Progress
Date: 04/03/2009 08:18 AM

Bill FYI,

As of last evening, there are only **9** permit applications left undergoing processing, and not finalized. These permits are pending because APHIS is awaiting responses from the applicant such as payments, request for further documentation, or other information from the importer. Again, these are new permit applications received during the period of time that APHIS was not issuing any permits. Other permitting work is caught up and we are back to processing new permits as they arrive.

Unless you would like further updates, I will consider this as the final update on pending permits.

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Subject: FYI: Trace Amounts Table
Date: 03/19/2009 02:57 PM
Attachments: [Trace Amounts-Table.doc](#)

Bill, FYI only.

I took the liberty of distilling down the decisions on the permits into one table. As you can see, very little has changed over six weeks.



[Trace Amounts-Table.doc](#)

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cc: [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Jessica D Milteer](#)
Subject: FYI: Update on Permitting
Date: 03/24/2009 03:35 PM

Bill,

As promised, here is an update on the APHIS permitting process.

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):

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cc: [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Thomas J Myers](#); [Michael R Doerr](#)
Subject: FYI: Update: Cost Estimates for Permits
Date: 02/23/2009 03:43 PM

I called Michael Doerr and explained that I had erred in my assessment of the arrangement for cost information, and explained that CBP would be coming back to you directly. Ron Jones, FSIS, also stopped by to visit and I explained to him that CBP would be supplying you the information also. I told him that we would forward it as soon as we received it.

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To: [Clifford, Dr. John](#)
cc: [Kevin A Shea](#)
Subject: Heads up - note from Dr Lambert on: APHIS certification that Arkansas is AI-free in order to get off the new "ban" on chicken from Arkansas announced yesterday by China
Date: 07/25/2008 03:54 PM

I'm sure you will hear about this request soon enough but wanted you to have this sooner rather than later...

Joe

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Cc: Joseph Anelli; Bruce Knight-USDA.USDA@gw
Subject: RE: China/AI

probably John Clifford and maybe Dan Sheesley at IS... just call the Administrator's office 720-3668 and have them transfer you.... Might also be worth a call to Yost and Ellen when she gets back..... Timing is strange.... C&D is over and USDA has cleared AK... think it is odd that they would wait until now to take action... thank chairwoman DeLauro, I

guess..... let me know what you hear.....cl

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Subject: HEADS-UP: Product Permit Issuance
Date: 03/04/2009 10:12 AM

It is highly likely that we could get the green light to begin to re-issue permits as early as this afternoon. It is also likely that the interpretation will be for a "relaxed" interpretation of the word "poultry". Folks in NCIE should be prepared to move quickly on that with FSIS once we get the OK. I will forward you the latest TP's from yesterday in a separate email so you have them. Pay particular attention to the Timeline of activities.

Thanks!

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From: [John Clifford](#)
To: Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov; [Sharon S Fisher](#)
Subject: I need to meet with both of you this AM to discuss assignment on permits.
Date: 02/19/2009 07:10 AM

From: [Kevin A Shea](#)
To: [Ed C Curlett](#); [APHIS OA](#)
cc: [Cindy home](#); [Bethany X Jones](#); [Cindy MRP](#); [James C Ivy](#); [Meghan K Klingel](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [John Clifford](#); [Michael R Doerrer](#); [Larry M Granger](#)
Subject: IMPORTANT MESSAGE
Date: 02/16/2009 07:15 PM

From this point in, we cannot communicate via e-mail on the issue we have been discussing with FSIS. Ed/Beth, please have a hard copy of all materials to me and to Cindy by 7:30 tomorrow (Tuesday Feb. 17).

Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

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cc: [John Clifford](#); [Catherine S Fulton](#)
Subject: IMPORTANT: Final memo
Date: 02/04/2009 09:10 AM
Attachments: [20090206 Vilsack-Ambo TeleCon BM.doc](#)

Cindy, I just received this. It explains why they have chosen to focus away from the appropriations language that just mentioned China, and who has been communicating with the Secretary.

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02/04/2009 09:04 AM

cc Lynn.Alfalla@aphis.usda.gov

Subject Fw: Final memo

Here is the FAS memo that went forward to Secretary last night regarding FSIS action on China, permits, etc.

John G

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Subject: John and I have cleared the TPs on Non-China permits. EOM
Date: 02/25/2009 04:08 PM

From: [Catherine S Fulton](#)
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Subject: latest FAS memo on China
Date: 02/05/2009 11:41 AM
Attachments: [-2-05-09 Vilsack-Ambo Meeting BM.doc](#)

FYI, didn't see you copied.

Catherine

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Subject Re: Fw: URGENT! PLEASE REVIEW ASAP

Russ - My only comment is that the term licenses rather than permits is used in the Objectives sections on the first page. Looks like the rest of the document correctly uses the term permits, however.

Jere and Catherine - heads up.

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Subject Fw: URGENT! PLEASE REVIEW ASAP

Karen et. al. --

See revised memo for the Secretary's meeting with the Chinese Ambassador
tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 6th).

The Ambassador is now coming to USDA to personally meet with the Secretary.

As noted below, the clearance request from FAS was tight - I made some edits on
pages 2 and 3.

My most notable edit was to remove:

"Historically, these permits have been issued ~~in error~~"

Feel free to call if you have questions.

Russ

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Subject Re: URGENT! PLEASE REVIEW ASAP

Clay --

I have noted some clarifications on pages 2 & 3.

Feel free to give me a call if you have questions.

Russ



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Subject:
Date: 02/14/2009 07:34 AM

All,

Just to keep you updated, I read the material supplied by Michael last night. My plan now is to get some exercise and then draft some points that explain this situation from the APHIS perspective and some relevant questions and answers. The target audience for this will be a member of the public or Congress that have no background on our (the federal government's) processes for allowing imports. Jere, thank you for your call yesterday as it clarifies that our action (cancelling permits) is not the centerpiece of this new import enforcement activity. Rather, it is the result of FSIS deciding to use its broad authority under the Federal Meat Inspection Act to regulate all meat products in a certain way. As a result, we are cancelling permits. And apparently the discovery of that shipment of granulated chicken bouillon from China on Jan. 27 was the beginning of the chain of events that has resulted in this decision by FSIS. I don't know exactly when I will have something for you to look at but I suggest it will be early this afternoon. This is really complicated.

Ed

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Subject: Meat products import update for Feb 4
Date: 02/04/2009 05:38 PM
Attachments: [Meat imports update for OA 2-4-09e.doc](#)

Jere/Catherine - as requested:



[Meat imports update for OA 2-4-09e.doc](#)

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Subject: Meeting with Acting Deputy Under Secretaries on FSIS issue
Date: 02/13/2009 10:43 AM

I am now hearing that the meeting will be at 2:30, although that is of course a moving target. Please pencil in 2:30 and I'll let you know when I know more.

From: [John Clifford](#)
Sent By: [Catherine S Fulton](#)
To: [Quick, Bryce](#); [Bill Clay](#)
cc: [Kevin A Shea](#); [Jere L Dick](#); [Hicks, Ron](#); [Jane E Levy](#)
Subject: Paper on import action for the 2:30 pm today
Date: 02/26/2009 02:35 PM
Importance: High
Attachments: [APHIS-FSIS approval steps.doc](#)

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Attached are the short & quick APHIS-FSIS Interim Procedures for Import Permit Approvals of FSIS Regulated Products, developed by APHIS and FSIS technical staffs. It also includes language that will go onto APHIS permits.



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John



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Subject: Permitting
Date: 03/19/2009 09:31 AM

I am likely to get asked how many permits we have to do and about how long it will take. Could you get me that info sometime today please.

Thanks

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To: [Jere L Dick](#); [John Clifford](#)
Subject: poultry productd seized
Date: 01/29/2009 04:50 PM

Here is what we came up with.

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(Please note that these EANs are not related to the recent FSIS issue.)

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Commercial	Shrimp dumpling - species tested and found poultry *	1
Commercial and Non Commercial	Bouillon cubes	5
Non Commercial	Dehydrated powder	8
Commercial and Non Commercial	Products containing extracts	15
Commercial and Non Commercial	Other (soup stock, fat with meat, powder flavor, dehydrated chicken meat)	7
Commercial and Non Commercial	Poultry shelf stable product	14

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Here is what we came up with.

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