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**Date:** 02/15/2009 04:08 PM  
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[Q&A on Import Permit Action.doc](#)

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Hello everyone,

Here is a communications strategy, a Q and A, and talking points that FSIS is clearing through their leadership. Carol asked me not to share this far and wide as their leadership has not weighed in. I realize that many of you only have BB access. I will not attempt to paste these documents in here as it would run too long. Here are highlights. The comm plan is a chart like document that lists the typical notifications made during a rollout. You've seen these types of charts before in our comm plans. The highlights of the chart are that a meeting with OSEC at 8 a.m. Tuesday will determine timing of the rollout. The chart assumes that communications will begin tomorrow to announce this. A press briefing is planned. Our A and Qs were incorporated into theirs and are unchanged except for a couple questions where they added more FSIS content. The talking points are exactly what we provided except for the first point. I've pasted it here. I will let you know what I see updated documents from Carol. Thanks.

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulates domestic and imported meat, poultry, and egg products under statutory authority of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA). All products for human consumption made using meat, poultry or processed egg products that are not prepared under the U. S. inspection system or an equivalent foreign food regulatory system are not eligible to enter the United States, even if they were made with only a relatively small amount of meat, poultry, or egg ingredients.

And lastly, one question in their Q and A that may be for us is "...  
.....Import permits are required for entry into the United States and are verified by U.S. Department of Agriculture (and Customs and Border Protection ?)

Any thoughts on that? Thanks!

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**Subject:** Question on reissuing two Chinese permits  
**Date:** 03/11/2009 01:11 PM

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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

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For now, APHIS awaits their lead. I have talked to staff several times today and we are ready to begin permitting again when we receive word. In addition, we have received the name of two FSIS employees as contacts for permit



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Jere,

You covered it well. Good summary.

Bill

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Bill Clay attended. Bill anything else I missed?

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**Sent:** Sun Mar 01 12:46:46 2009  
**Subject:** Re: 4 draft documents regarding permits

Carol,

Nice job. I agree with comments that Jere and Clay have provided.

John

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**Subject:** Re: 4 draft documents regarding permits

Hi Carol, Thanks for sharing! Believe you have done a good job of capturing our discussions and activities.

A couple of comments:

Long TPs

3rd to last bullet. Believe it should read. USDA will take immediate steps to notify.....

TPs on handling Imp Permits

2nd Bullet. I would use language from the longer TPs that focus on the permit issuance as a collaborative process between APHIS and FSIS as we move forward.

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**Subject:** Re: ACTION: update on import permit briefing  
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Jere,

Late Friday afternoon, NCIE went back and looked for the number of permits issued in FY 2008 (10/01/07 to 09/30/08). In FY 2008 APHIS received 14,254 permit applications and issued 13,475 import permits. (Every year we have several hundred more applications than permits issued due to lack of interest, failure to follow-up etc). Of those 13,475 permits issued, 7,423 (or 55% of the total issued) were for animal products. The remaining 45% of permits issued were for live animals, germplasm, organisms and vectors and select agents.

A breakdown of the 7,432 animal product permits into the meat, poultry, eggs/ pet food/pharmaceuticals/nutraceuticals/serum/blood and blood-products/chondroitin sulfate/etc categories will be close to impossible. Our current system is not set up to do it that simply ... but if you want it, we will need a lot more time than noon Monday.

Michael

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Subject Re: ACTION: update on import permit briefing

Jere,

The number 27 is based on the spreadsheet of permits we've been

working on from day 1 ... and these were sorted by country based on the FSIS regulated product ...

That spreadsheet had been color coded by agency regulating the commodity of interest (There are 296 blue= FSIS knows they regulate; 422 white = we have not received a decision from FSIS regarding these commodities; 70 yellow = FSIS said they don't regulate these commodities and 94 green = APHIS regulates).

One question I have ... the number 14,000 + refers to the estimated number of total permits issued by all of NCIE, correct?

Michael

27 Countries with permits in blue :

Argentina
Brazil
China
Costa Rica
Croatia
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Germany
Guatemala
Hong Kong
India
Jamaica
Japan
Mexico
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
South Korea
Switzerland
Taiwan
Thailand
United Kingdom
Venezuela

45 Countries in total:

Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Belgium  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Brazil  
Canada  
Chile  
China  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
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Subject ACTION: update on import permit briefing

Larry,

I just returned from the hill briefing. First of all, thanks to all who had a hand in putting together my talking points on short notice.

Early on in the "china permit" issue, I believe we did some sorting of permits and identification of countries. Please have staff confirm that it is 27 countries that we are sending permits to for trace amounts of meat, poultry, and egg products. Also, if we could get a rough breakdown of the number of permits that are issued for these types of products out of 14,000+ it would be helpful. I tried to explain that the entire 14,000 were for a variety of items in addition to meat, poultry, and egg products (such as pet food, nutraceuticals, etc.) but was not sure of the percentage.

If I could get that information by noon on Monday, it would be nice.

Thanks

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**Subject:** Re: AFWA meeting and collaboration discussion  
**Date:** 02/13/2009 06:47 PM

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Thanks, Hallie. I approve of the approach and look forward to meeting with you to discuss further before the meeting.

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Subject AFWA meeting and collaboration discussion

Jere:

Since you're going to be going to the AFWA meeting in Washington, D.C. the week of March 16th, I wanted to update you on our recent conversations with Matt Hogan and Gary Taylor. They are supportive of us getting some time on the agenda during the Fish and Wildlife Health Committee to talk about expanding our collaboration with AFWA on wildlife/regulatory issues. That committee meeting is going to be held on Thursday, March 19th from 8 a.m. to noon. Gary Taylor is going to speak

with Becky Humphries so that she extends your time on the agenda. Once you make your remarks, then you can turn it over to Jake and I to talk a little bit about our idea for enhancing communication on relevant wildlife/regulatory issues. Or we could always draft some language for you and you could present this portion as well. Either way is fine with us.

Basically we would use the committee as a forum to present our idea for piloting a workgroup to provide input on either TB, brucellosis or pseudorabies. We can get their input on what topic is most relevant to them and get some feedback about who might want to participate. We can also share with them a little bit about how we might set up the work group. Most likely we'll have meetings via conference call or attach them to other relevant AFWA meetings. This would not be a permanent work group. Once we had the information we needed, we'd be done. If it works well, then we could use this approach to get AFWA's input when other wildlife regulatory issues arise. Closer to the date of the meeting, Jake and I will plan to meet with you and present our draft plan so you can provide comments, feedback etc. prior to the AFWA meeting. We want to make sure you're comfortable with what we are proposing.

Matt and Gary are both open to the idea and look forward to hearing more about it at the meeting. They also are still interested in pursuing an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) agreement with VS like they had with FWS. We have told them we're more interested in doing front-end collaboration because we have multiple stakeholders we need to consider and don't want to create an impression of favoritism. But Jake and I do have plans to meet with FWS to learn more about the IPA for our own educational purposes. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,  
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Correct, a question I asked early on in the discussions.

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**To:** [Christopher C Robinson](#); [Thomas J Myers](#); [Jacek Taniewski](#); [Larry M Granger](#); [Michael J David](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: APHIS Permits  
**Date:** 02/11/2009 12:38 PM

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Thanks Chris. I am out of the office today and have copied John Clifford and Bill Clay who will be going to the meeting after lunch.

▼ [Christopher C Robinson](#)

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

**From:** Christopher C Robinson  
**Sent:** 02/11/2009 09:52 AM EST  
**To:** Jere Dick; Thomas Myers; Jacek Taniewski; Larry Granger; Michael David  
**Cc:** Michael Doerrer; Karen James-Preston; Lynette Williams; Magde Elshafie; Teresa Martinez; Tracye.R.Butler@aphis.usda.gov @ USDA; Joyce Bowling-Heyward  
**Subject:** Fw: APHIS Permits  
Jere, TJ

Karen is out today. Below is what came in last night from Steve McDermott, our main FSIS contact on this permit issue of FSIS regulated products.

I've not sanitized this email but I did highlight what I thought to be the pertinent points in red.

Below he's basically saying FSIS has decided

1. that all of Asia is not eligible to export meat and poultry to the US based on FSIS equivalence
2. they want us to cancel these permits
3. this will also include egg products HOWEVER FSIS still needs to clarify which products contain a processed egg product before cancelling that permit
4. who from FSIS should contact APHIS to request cancellation of these permits and who should that APHIS contact be.
5. meat/poultry/egg products from FSIS equivalent regions are OK.



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**Subject:** Re: CBP is knocking on the door ... morning and night  
**Date:** 03/13/2009 03:33 PM

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Yes, no word and I've been monitoring John's and Jere's emails. FSIS is working on a product recall- as soon as I get something from them, I'll forward. I understand that it's a separate issue.

Catherine

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03/13/2009 03:26 PM

To Michael J David/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, John Clifford/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, Jere L Dick/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA, Jose R Diez/CO/APHIS/USDA@USDA

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**To:** John Clifford; Jere Dick; Thomas Myers  
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**Subject:** Re: CBP request  
**Date:** 02/14/2009 11:44 AM

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This is because CBP does not officially recognize FSIS. We should not have to be the go between for them on food safety issues of authority, and I hope that is agreed upon at the Monday meeting.

▼ [John Clifford](#)

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

**From:** John Clifford  
**Sent:** 02/14/2009 11:05 AM EST  
**To:** Catherine Fulton; Jere Dick  
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▼ [Kevin A Shea](#)

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

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**Sent:** 02/14/2009 10:52 AM EST  
**To:** John Clifford  
**Subject:** Re: CBP request

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Jere,

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Beth, give me a call at 202-720-5194 or -----(b)(6)----- to discuss asap. I am still here.

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SO....what was the thinking? Obviously we will notify HIII, trading partners, etc....was there thinking about a release? Just how much of a "announcement" are they looking to make???

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It is Tuesday morning from 9-12. I'll just try and catch the next one(s). Last year I tried to attend all three, and each time cancelled at the last minute because of some animal health emergency. Just the nature of the job, I guess.

Will be fine, as long as my supervisor doesn't hold me to doing it because it is on my IDP.....:-)

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Subject: Re: China permit situation

Jere,

Is the forum on wed or thurs? I think that you should wait before you cancel.

John

▼ [Jere L Dick](#)

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**From:** Jere L Dick  
**Sent:** 02/13/2009 05:25 PM EST  
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**Subject:** Fw: China permit situation

Just FYI.....I spent the last half hour trying to get Bethany and Ed C up to speed. They have my contact information for the weekend.

I already mapped out what needs to be done on Tuesday in Riverdale and will report there for a 9:00 am all hands meeting with NCIE. Michael Doerrer has agreed to lead the effort there after that since TJ is out and Larry is gone. I will cancel out of my SES Forum meeting and hope to be back downtown by the afternoon meetings.

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**Subject:** Re: China Permits  
**Date:** 02/03/2009 03:59 PM

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Larry-

I haven't had a chance to say "welcome aboard" and I'm sorry that my first message is a tasker.

LPA called and the Ag Approps would like a briefing this week by APHIS and FSIS- and it looks like the briefing will be Thurs, due to FSIS schedule. I was unable to get it delayed until next week, as USDA's Office of Congressional Relations has given a green light. So, will it be possible to get the decision memo by tomorrow, WED, Feb 4?

I'll follow up with a request for an ECMS ticket for Dr. Dick to use during the briefing.

FYI, Michelle Wenberg with Budget offered to attend along with VS as this issue involves appropriations related issues.

Please let me know the status of the memo.

Thanks, and best-

Catherine

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**cc:** [Jere L Dick](#); [Paula Henstridge](#); [Kevin A Shea](#); [John Clifford](#)  
**Subject:** Re: China update  
**Date:** 02/04/2009 05:26 PM

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Thank you, Catherine, including the status of the Hill briefing as well, please.

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Subject China update

02/04/2009 04:55 PM

VS will provide you with a summary status report on Thursday morning.

Catherine

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**Subject:** Re: China: Poultry Imports & Exports  
**Date:** 02/02/2009 03:57 PM  
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Great, Thanks

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02/02/2009 03:56 PM

Subject Re: China: Poultry Imports & Exports

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TJ

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**Subject:** Re: Chinese poultry products  
**Date:** 02/06/2009 04:19 PM

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Thanks, Kevin. I noted that FDA is also chatting with their folks about the same thing.....hopefully, we get the same answer. :-)

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**Kevin A Shea/MD/APHIS/USDA**

02/06/2009 04:17 PM

To Jere L Dick/MD/APHIS/USDA@USDA

cc APHIS OA

Subject Chinese poultry products

Just to let you know, I have chatted with OBPA about getting a read on the appropriations law restriction (trying to determine its applicability to non-human use products). I'll let you know when I hear something.



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**Subject:** Re: Comments on paper  
**Date:** 03/08/2009 02:34 PM

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Thanks Clay, I believe they capture the nuances of our discussions.

We'll try to touch bases with OGC first thing on Monday morning to set up some time to discuss the extension issue. I believe, since they are attorneys for both FSIS and APHIS, that it will be important for both groups to be present.

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**Sent:** 03/08/2009 12:44 PM AST  
**To:** "William.Smith@fsis.usda.gov" <William.Smith@fsis.usda.gov>; "Howard.Wetzel@fas.usda.gov" <Howard.Wetzel@fas.usda.gov>; "Ronald.Jones@fsis.usda.gov" <Ronald.Jones@fsis.usda.gov>; "Bryce.Quick@fsis.usda.gov" <Bryce.Quick@fsis.usda.gov>; "Daniel.Engeljohn@fsis.usda.gov" <Daniel.Engeljohn@fsis.usda.gov>; Jere Dick; "Al.Almanza@fsis.usda.gov" <Al.Almanza@fsis.usda.gov>; "Philip.Derfler@fsis.usda.gov" <Philip.Derfler@fsis.usda.gov>; "Carol.Blake@fsis.usda.gov" <Carol.Blake@fsis.usda.gov>; "Terri.Nintemann@fsis.usda.gov" <Terri.Nintemann@fsis.usda.gov>; "Robert.Tynan@fsis.usda.gov" <Robert.Tynan@fsis.usda.gov>; Ron Hicks  
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**Subject:** Re: conversation with FDA  
**Date:** 02/17/2009 11:50 AM

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Will do. John is prepared to participate. Have yet to hear from FSIS.

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**Subject:** Re: Copy of database  
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**Subject:** Re: Daily meat import update, 2/13  
**Date:** 02/13/2009 04:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [Meat imports update 2-13-09.doc](#)

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Hello,

Can you add Kevin and Bill Clay to this update list so that they are aware of the latest? Don't want it to be dependent on our getting the message forwarded around to them. I'm copying Kevin and Bill, and also Catherine because I know you're headed back to Riverdale after today. Thanks!

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Deputy Chief of Staff  
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Subject Daily meat import update, 2/13

Here is today's meat imports update.

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**From:** [Jere L Dick](#)  
**To:** [Thomas J Myers](#)  
**cc:** [Catherine S Fulton](#); [John Clifford](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions  
**Date:** 03/10/2009 07:42 PM

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I would say we need to limit attendance....keeps it less complicated. Could bring Michael if you like but the meeting will focus on all the calls that will need to take place, not on mechanics per se. Since there really is no change that is really up to us right now. In the next sixty days we can refine our tandem approach with FSIS.

Hope I get to feeling better so I can be of some help. Feel worse today than I did on Sunday. Going to bed.

▼ [Thomas J Myers](#)

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

**From:** Thomas J Myers  
**Sent:** 03/10/2009 05:28 PM EDT  
**To:** Jere Dick  
**Cc:** Catherine Fulton; John Clifford  
**Subject:** Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions

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**From:** [Jere L Dick](#)  
**To:** [Catherine S Fulton](#); [Thomas J Myers](#)  
**cc:** [John Clifford](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions  
**Date:** 03/10/2009 05:23 PM

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I know, will tackle in the am. That is why I told TJ to just plan on coming downtown.

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**From:** Catherine S Fulton  
**Sent:** 03/10/2009 05:18 PM EDT  
**To:** Jere Dick; Thomas Myers  
**Cc:** John Clifford  
**Subject:** Re: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions

This is during your mtg with Holstein Assn that's from 3-3:45. How and which one to cover?

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**From:** Jere L Dick  
**Sent:** 03/10/2009 05:10 PM EDT  
**To:** Thomas Myers  
**Cc:** John Clifford; Catherine Fulton  
**Subject:** Fw: Decision Memo -- Import Exemptions

For tomorrow's meeting.

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**From:** [Sharon M Coursey](#)  
**To:** [John Clifford](#); [APHIS OA](#); [Bill Clay](#); [Jere L Dick](#)  
**Subject:** Re: draft talking points  
**Date:** 01/29/2009 08:07 PM

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Thank you, john

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**From:** John Clifford  
**Sent:** 01/29/2009 07:08 PM EST  
**To:** APHIS OA; Bill Clay; Jere Dick  
**Subject:** Fw: draft talking points

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**From:** James C Ivy  
**Sent:** 01/29/2009 06:42 PM EST  
**To:** Sharon Coursey; John Clifford  
**Subject:** Fw: draft talking points

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**From:** Jere.L.Dick@aphis.usda.gov  
**To:** Jones, Ronald  
**Cc:** John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov ; Thomas.J.Myers@aphis.usda.gov ; Michael.R.Doerrerr@aphis.usda.gov ; Catherine.S.Fulton@aphis.usda.gov  
**Sent:** Mon Feb 23 13:28:20 2009  
**Subject:** Re: Egg Products

Ron,

Our National Center for Import and Export has been working on all the data requests related to the permit issues. I have copied Dr. TJ Myers and his chief of staff, Michael Doerrerr, and will ask them by copy of this email to provide you with an update on the information requested.

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**From:** [Jere L Dick](#)  
**To:** [Hicks, Ron](#)  
**cc:** [Almanza, Al](#); [Bill.Clay@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Bill.Clay@aphis.usda.gov); [Quick, Bryce](#); [Cooksie, Carolyn](#); [Blake, Carol](#); [Cindy.Smith@osec.usda.gov](mailto:Cindy.Smith@osec.usda.gov); [Clay.Hamilton@fas.usda.gov](mailto:Clay.Hamilton@fas.usda.gov); [Engeljohn, Daniel](#); [Smith, Faye](#); [howard.wetzel@fas.usda.gov](mailto:howard.wetzel@fas.usda.gov); [John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:John.Clifford@aphis.usda.gov); [Kevin.A.Shea@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Kevin.A.Shea@aphis.usda.gov); [Picard, Lisa Wallenda](#); [Sheikh, Pat](#); [Jones, Ronald](#); [Hicks, Ron](#); [Smith, William C.](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Exemption Update  
**Date:** 02/27/2009 01:23 PM

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I'm good Ron. Thanks for sending the general update.

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**From:** [Jere L Dick](#)  
**To:** [Quick, Bryce](#)  
**cc:** [John Clifford](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Final draft of FSIS paper on import action for the 10:00 today  
**Date:** 02/26/2009 12:41 PM

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Thanks, Bryce. Dan and I had a good visit and our technical folks will have some "language" for our permits to us before the 2:30 call.

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