

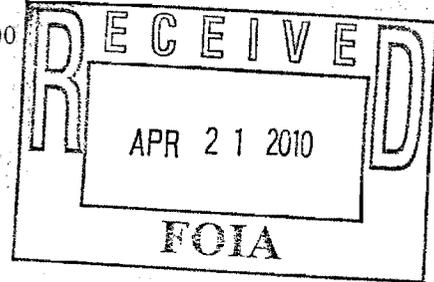
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Re: F.O.I.A. Request
Basler v. Mediterranean Shipping Co.
U.S.D.C. S.D.N.Y. – 09 Civ. 7515 (LAK)
Our File No.: 2549137

Dear Ms. Woods:

We represent MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company, S.A., which issued a bill of lading for the shipment of container nos. MSCU 7457741, MEDU 9057967, MEDU 9058520, CRXU 6954262, and MWCU 7478894 (said to contain oranges and clementines) from Cape Town, South Africa to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. These containers were found by USDA inspectors to have incurred problems relating to passing the relevant cold treatment protocols following their arrival at the Packer Marine Terminal in Philadelphia on or about July 21, 2008. All five containers were subsequently transported to Canada in lieu of undergoing additional cold treatment quarantine

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 7 U.S.C. § 552 and 7 C.F.R. § 1.7, we write to request copies of any records produced by or in the possession of the U.S.D.A. relating to the cold treatment of the subject containers listed above, including, but not limited to, any documents, correspondence, or records relating to these five containers

Our office will of course pay for the reasonable costs associated with this request.

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