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4700 River Road
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Maltby Howard
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Romoland, California 93585

Dear Howard:

This is in response to your undated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a United States Import Permit for *Phytoseiulus persimilis* by Biobest B.V. aka Biobest U.S.A. in Detroit, Michigan. You further clarified/narrowed your request to the countries of origin of this mite and the dates for which the permits were valid. Your request was received in this office on July 13, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-544. We apologize for the delay of this.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and enclosed are 19 pages of records responsive to your request. These records are appropriate for release as marked without corresponding exemptions since the marked information falls outside of the scope of your narrowed request.

You may appeal our determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-544 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

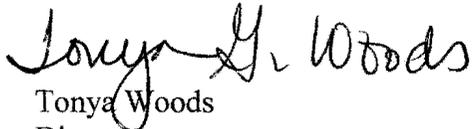


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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived.
If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at
(301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonya Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "W".

Tonya Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act Staff
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Enclosure