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SUBJECT: Public Outreach for new e-Permit System

TO: Importers, Brokers and Other Interested Parties

On August 11, 2005, "Veterinary Services will host a public outreach workshop to introduce and obtain feedback on ePermits, a new APHIS initiative. The ePermits system is a web-based user interface that supports electronic applications, filing, processing and tracking of APHIS permits. This workshop will provide stakeholders the opportunity to preview the new ePermits system. It will focus on the permit applications (VS Form 16-3 and 16-7) and the "United States Veterinary Permit For Importation and Transportation of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors" (VS Form 16-6, and 16-6A).

The workshop will demonstrate the capabilities of the on-line interface and the permit application data entry process. Information will also be provided on short and long-term plans for ePermits and how to register as an ePermits user. This workshop is an opportunity for the regulated community (i.e., applicants) to respond to and comment on the proposed software so that their needs can be addressed. APHIS would like to expand and strengthen our partnership with the regulated community by making this database and software an easy and effective tool for all users. Unfortunately, our meeting room capacity is limited so please register early. Registration instructions can be obtained by mailing, telephoning or e-mailing us at the following:

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