

## Iraq– BSE Ban

APHIS has received notification that the Iraq has imposed some BSE related restrictions on the import of U.S. origin products.

APHIS is seeking additional information on the ban (e.g. scope, date of implementation etc.). Until we are able to obtain more information, please recommend all U.S. exporters of ruminant origin products to Iraq confirm their products will be permitted entry into the country **prior** to shipping.

I would also encourage exporters of ruminant origin products or products containing ruminant origin ingredients to obtain a copy of a valid import permit, issued by the appropriate Iraqi Ministry, to confirm the import conditions and authorization for entry into Iraq.