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Dear Stakeholders:

Almost two month ago, I announced Dr. Jack Shere, as USDA's acting Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) and Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services (VS). Today, I'm pleased to announce his appointment is permanent. Dr. Shere replaces Dr. John Clifford, who served as Deputy Administrator for 12 years, and is now the Chief Trade Advisor for VS' National Import Export Services. Dr. Shere will lead the program's many employees in protecting and improving the health, quality and marketability of U.S. livestock, animal products and veterinary biologics. He will also oversee VS' national and international reference laboratory network. For more information, I'm including a link to my original announcement.

[February 8, 2016 Announcement](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Shea".

Kevin Shea  
APHIS Administrator