



Stakeholder Announcement

APHIS to Host Stakeholder Meetings on Live Animal Quarantine Centers and Services *Save the Date*

WASHINGTON, January 22, 2014—Beginning in mid-February and continuing through mid-March, APHIS' Veterinary Services (VS) program will host a series of six stakeholder meetings across the country to discuss the current and future capacity for live animal import quarantine centers and services. The meetings are an opportunity for all stakeholders to share their ideas for developing and implementing possible alternatives to existing APHIS requirements and oversight for live animal quarantine as required under existing regulations.

The meetings will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the following locations: Los Angeles, CA on Feb. 19; Louisville, KY on Feb. 25; Chicago, IL on Feb. 27; Riverdale, MD on March 3; New York, NY on March 5; and Miami, FL on March 11. Additional location information is provided below.

APHIS currently operates three Federal quarantine facilities and can also approve privately owned facilities to provide quarantine services. However, APHIS oversight and monitoring is still required at privately owned facilities. During the meeting, we will be asking stakeholders a series of questions to gather feedback, such as:

- What factors do you consider when preparing to import animals requiring quarantine?
- What factors do you consider when choosing locations for animal quarantines?
- How can e-commerce enhance the importation process?
- What are your experiences with quarantine facilities in other countries?
- How do you see your need for quarantine services changing over the next 5 to 10 years?
- What other options, ideas or topics should VS consider relevant to current animal import quarantine processes?

Meeting registration will take place on-site and will begin at 7:30 a.m. the day of each meeting. Written statements may be filed up to five days before each meeting, at the meetings or after the meetings through May 12, 2014. A notice will soon be published in the Federal Register providing additional details about the requirements for submitting formal written comments. For more information, please contact Erich Kestler, Chief of Staff for VS' National Import Export Services at 301-851-3454.

Meeting Location Information:

Los Angeles, CA—February 19, 2014

Embassy Suites, Los Angeles International Airport/South (Phone: 310-640-3600)
1440 E. Imperial Ave., El Segundo, CA 90245

Louisville, KY—February 25, 2014

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Louisville North (Phone: 812-283-4411)
505 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129

Chicago, Illinois—February 27, 2014

Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Lakefront (Phone: 312-836-5900)
511 N. Columbus Dr., Chicago, IL 60611

Riverdale, MD—March 3, 2014

APHIS headquarters (Phone: 301-851-3454)
4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737

Please note: This is a federal building and attendees will need a valid photo ID to enter. No firearms or knives of any type are permitted in the building. This building is accessible via the University of Maryland shuttle bus, Route 109 from the College Park Metro station, and has parking available at \$5 per day payable by credit card or cash.

New York, NY—March 5, 2014

Courtyard by Marriott LaGuardia Airport (Phone: 718-446-4800)
90-10 Grand Central Parkway, East Elmhurst, NY 11369

Miami, FL—March 11, 2014

Courtyard by Marriott, Miami Airport South (Phone: 305-642-8200)
1201 NW LeJeune Road, Miami FL 33126