

First Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Summit for the Revision of 7 CFR 319.37 (Q37)

October 4-6, 2005

The Commodity Imports Analysis & Operations (CIAO) staff invited key representatives from PPQ headquarters and field staffs to meet in Richmond, Virginia to begin discussing the revision of Q37. The CIAO Q37 Revision team brought the participants up to date on progress to this point and presented ideas for the next steps.

The group identified six objectives, or key components, that will be required to complete the revision:

- Develop and publish multiple rulemaking initiatives
- Improve risk assessment strategies
- Improve risk mitigation strategies
- Manage operational changes- (the revision will affect U.S. Customs and Border Protection as well as PPQ)
- Improve import data collection, compilation, and utilization
- Conduct outreach

Tasks within each of these six categories were identified and prioritized; lead staff members were identified.