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Subject: Export Notice 2004-2, Change in Procedures for Export Products Returned to the United States

Effective March 29, 2004, the procedures for handling U.S. inspected and passed products exported to a foreign country and then returned to the United States have been changed. Returned product procedures are described in FSIS Directive 9010.1. However, the FSIS point of contact indicated in the Directive for owners/brokers/agents of such products will now be changed from the District Office to the Office of International Affairs (OIA). As of the effective date, owners/brokers/agents should contact OIA at importexport@fsis.usda.gov with the returned product information described in the directive. OIA will decide whether specific shipments should be released into commerce or be held for re-inspection as described in the Directive. Further, OIA will coordinate with owners/shippers/agents and with District Offices as necessary to assure appropriate re-inspection site, control of product movement and product disposition. FSIS Directive 9010.1 will be revised in the future to include these changes.

Questions related to this Notice should be directed to importexport@fsis.usda.gov.