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**SUBJECT: USDA Announces Web-based Interstate  
Movement Documents**

**TO: All State Veterinarians**

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Veterinary Services is in the final stages of developing its web-based Interstate Movement Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. This updated version will roll out in several states during the last quarter of 2005. Look for an August update to learn the next steps in bringing the application to your state.

Six states and some 300 accredited veterinarians participated over the last two years in the Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection pilot, and this newest release is the result of their efforts.

Improving interstate movement logistics is part of the emerging Veterinary Services Process Streamlining (VSPS) initiative. The VSPS will offer a **single point of access** to all electronic forms, application and certification processes required for interstate and international movement of animals and animal products. It is designed for accredited veterinarians, state and federal animal health officials and it contributes to Veterinary Services goals of achieving 48-hour trace back and building an effective National Animal ID System.

For accredited veterinarians, the web-based interstate module allows the vet to access regulations, create an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), incorporate required test and vaccination charts and then electronically submit documents to the states of origin and destination.

State animal health officials will benefit from web-based interstate movement data as they verify veterinarian accreditation status, view permit requests and access state import and export certificates and health charts. Summary reports for each state can be produced, and USDA plans to continually enhance the reporting features.

The VSPS web-based integrated information system is a collective effort of state and Federal veterinarians supported by the US Animal Health Association. In line with Congressional legislation and Presidential initiatives, this initiative reduces state and Federal paperwork and expands eCommerce to the benefit of all.

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