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Modification of Requirements for Importing or Overland Transit of Poultry and Poultry Meat Products from Canada Intended for Human Consumption

This notice clarifies the recently modified USDA APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) import requirements for commercial shipments of poultry meat products intended for human consumption exported from Canada that were implemented on March 22, 2010.

Previously, VS allowed shipments of these products entry when accompanied by the appropriate Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) export certificate. However, shipments of commercial quantities of poultry or poultry meat products intended for human consumption exported from Canada now must be accompanied by the CFIA form Annex (e) A-9. This also includes shipments transiting the United States overland. Custom and Border Protection officials will verify these products meet the requirements at the United States ports of entry.

These requirements do not apply to within-port transits or products that contain less than 2 percent cooked poultry such as bouillon or soup mixes imported into the United States. Small amounts of cooked meat contained in such imported products may be subject to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations. These meat ingredients must be sourced from FSIS-approved countries and facilities. For information on Canadian establishments approved to export to the United States, contact FSIS via e-mail at permits@fsis.usda.gov or by phone at (888) 287-7194.

If you have questions or concerns about these requirements, please contact USDA, APHIS, VS, National Center for Import and Export (NCIE), Riverdale, Maryland, at (301) 734-3277. If you need information on how to obtain the CFIA form Annex (e) A-9, please contact the local CFIA Veterinary Inspection Office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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