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Resolution

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SOURCE: USAHA/AAVLD COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT MATTER: NATIONAL VETERINARY STOCKPILE CATALOG

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State and tribal animal health officials and National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) planners need to have access to a catalog of supplies and resources available through the NVS program for response to an animal health emergency. Resource planning and inventory tracking software should be accessible by planners to estimate and track costs and manage inventory received from the NVS program.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) program create, publish and maintain an NVS catalog on their restricted website that is accessible to NVS planners and state and tribal animal health officials. The catalog should provide information about all available NVS resources including countermeasures and 3-D contractors. The catalog should be user-friendly and include full descriptive information, such as photos, item number, text description, ordering procedure, and cost (for planning and tracking purposes). The catalog should state whether the item is accountable and required to be returned to the NVS, or requires special cleaning and disinfection (C&D), or special shipping or handling, and all other information NVS partners need to know about each item. The catalog should provide information about available NVS commercial services with instructions on how to submit a request with scope of work defined.

Inventory management software compatible with hand-held devices and capable of capturing barcodes and radio-frequency identification should be accessible on the NVS ordering/planning website and included with any NVS order so stockpile pallets and supplies may be managed from arrival to final disposition, including storage location and conditions, field deployment logistics, dispensing information, as well as C&D and return transportation information for accountable items and equipment. In addition, warehoused resources should be bar-coded prior to shipment to states and tribes so that logistics personnel can more efficiently manage NVS equipment and supplies on arrival and while deployed.

INTERIM RESPONSE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) program appreciates the interest of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) in the development of a readily available resource that describes NVS countermeasures. An NVS catalog is already under construction and is scheduled for release to NVS planners and Federal, State, Tribal, and territory animal health officials by the end of 2011. The catalog will contain information about the contents of the NVS 24-hour push packs for initial response, bulk items available for sustained support, depopulation equipment,

large-animal handling equipment, commercial services, and other available countermeasures. The NVS program intends the catalog to be user-friendly and will take under advisement USAHA's specific recommendations regarding its format and content. Once complete, the catalog will be available through the NVS restricted Web site that is available to NVS planners. In the interim, State planners may contact Dr. Lee Myers, NVS State-Federal Liaison, for more information at Lee.M.Myers@aphis.usda.gov. The NVS program will continue to advance its capabilities to support logistics response to damaging animal disease outbreaks.

FINAL RESPONSE:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) program appreciates the interest of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) in the development of a readily available resource that describes NVS countermeasures.

An NVS catalog is now available to NVS planners through the NVS restricted Web site at <http://nvs.aphis.usda.gov>. The catalog contains information on the contents of the NVS 24-hour push packs for initial response, initial bulk items available for sustained support, depopulation equipment, large-animal handling equipment, and other available countermeasures. The NVS program designed the catalog to be user-friendly and took USAHA's specific recommendations under advisement about the format and content. The Question and Answer section of the NVS Web site and the NVS Planning Guide has specific information on NVS's depopulation, decontamination, and disposal (3D) commercial support services, the process to request assistance, and an example statement of work.

The NVS program recognizes the need for inventory management systems and electronic identification (e.g., bar coding) of countermeasures to help States, Tribes, and Territories better manage physical resources. Although the NVS program concurs with these suggestions, the level of funding for NVS (currently and in the near future) will not support the costs to procure and manage these systems. As a result, States, Tribes, and Territories are encouraged to develop their own independent systems for agricultural emergencies or collaborate with other agencies within their jurisdictions for assistance with inventory management during emergency responses (e.g., emergency management agencies, the National Guard, and the Strategic National Stockpile).

The NVS program appreciates the opportunity to respond and will continue to advance its capabilities to support logistics response to damaging animal disease outbreaks.