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MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE ON IMPORT-EXPORT
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

SUBJECT MATTER: INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF
VETERINARY INSPECTION FOR LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT
BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Electronic certificates of veterinary inspection (e-CVIs) have proven advantages over certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) that are issued via paper form. Electronic CVIs have demonstrated a greater capability to trace, control, and contain livestock diseases. International livestock movements documented via e-CVIs would help to decrease the negative economic impacts that a significant livestock disease outbreak would have on the United States economy and the nation's livestock industry by decreasing the time to trace movements and identify exposed animals.

The use of e-CVIs for livestock in cross-border movements was listed as an action item of the Border Solutions Council and the Cross-border Livestock Health group at the 2010 and 2011 Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) meetings. Participants are concerned that extensive paperwork requirements impose significant costs on livestock buyers and sellers and may cause unnecessary stressful welfare conditions to animals in transit.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to collaborate in designing their Information Technology Systems so they are compatible in order to implement electronic certification to expedite movement of livestock across the United States-Canada border.

INTERIM RESPONSE:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) appreciates your interest in facilitating the trade of animals



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between the United States and Canada. For animals to move internationally, the animals need to be accompanied by an export health certificate. VS is developing a pilot project for electronic export certificates. The project will create and test the necessary information technology infrastructure to provide electronic animal export health certificate services to the public. This pilot is scheduled to start March 26 and end July 30, 2012. We plan to report the results in October 2012.