

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2006

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 46 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON IMPORT-EXPORT

SUBJECT MATTER: INTERPRETATION OF IMPORT-EXPORT PROTOCOL

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

There has been significant reduction in the export of live animals due to the finding of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States.

Workable documents are essential as new protocols are developed when new markets open. To get such protocols that are operable and to have uniform interpretation of the protocols, a meeting of Import-Export staff veterinarians and representatives from the livestock export industry would aid in regaining United States competitiveness in the world market.

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) establish a committee of their staff and representation of livestock exporters to meet and work on producing workable documents and obtaining uniform interpretation of such protocols to further the exportation of livestock.

RESPONSE:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) is currently working, as appropriate, with the livestock industry to facilitate exports of live animals and germplasm. NCIE regularly consults with the industry to obtain technical input and support during negotiations of export protocols. NCIE meets on a regular basis with industry groups to discuss current issues related to export of live animals and germplasm. APHIS-VS is actively working to reopen export markets lost as a result of the diagnosis of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in the United States, and will continue to work with the livestock export industry to facilitate this objective.