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VETERINARY SERVICES NOTICE NO. 00-01

Animal and
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Subject: Import or Entry Services at Ports

Veterinary Services
4700 River Road
Unit 44
Riverdale, MD 20737

To: Directors, VS Regions
Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS

The purpose of this notice is to notify personnel of a change in the user fee rate for providing service for import or entry related services for animals, birds, and animal products presented at the ports, in accordance with the regulations which were published in the Federal Register on September 23, 1999, to become effective October 25, 1999. This action will ensure that user fees collected are adequate for the services that are being provided.

The existing user fee rate listed in 9 CFR part 130.6, and 130.7 for animals, birds, and animal products presented for import or entry at the ports is changing from the flat rate, per head fee to the import hourly rate. Service Code 401 - Import Hourly, should be used when providing services, including travel time, during the normal tour of duty of the employee. For guidance in determining the correct number of hours for travel, please refer to the guidelines in Chapter 7, Section 7.2.1 of the Veterinary Services User Fee Operating Procedures Manual, 3rd Edition. If services are provided outside the normal tour of duty of the employee, use the Premium User Fee Rate, Service Code 405 - Weekday/Holiday or Service Code 406 - Sunday. This change should have a minimal impact on our customers.

If you have any questions, please call Inez Hockaday on (301) 734-8104.

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