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VETERINARY SERVICES NOTICE NO. 00-02

Subject: Import or Entry Services at Ports

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

This replaces Veterinary Services Notice No. 00-01, dated October 4, 1999, and includes pertinent information which was omitted.

The user fee rate for providing service for import or entry related services for animals, birds, and animal products presented at AIRPORTS, OCEAN PORTS, and RAIL PORTS will change effective October 25, 1999. A notice of this change was published in the Federal Register on September 23, 1999. This action will ensure that user fees collected are adequate for the services that are being provided.

Import or entry services provided at airports, ocean and rail ports are changing from the flat rate, per head fees listed in 9 CFR, Parts 130.6 or 130.7 to the import hourly rate per 9 CFR, Part 130.9. The existing user fee rates listed in 9 CFR, Part 130.6 for animals, birds, and animal products presented for import or entry at the ports along the United States-Mexico border remain unchanged. We would continue charging the flat rate user fees listed in 9 CFR, Part 130.7 for import or entry related services for animals at land ports along the United States-Canada border. 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



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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.

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

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