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VETERINARY SERVICES NOTICE

Subject: Collection of User Fees for Importation of Semen and Embryos

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

This Notice is to help clarify the confusion over the import user fees collected by the Import-Export Animals Staff (IEAS) for semen and embryo permits. This Notice also clarifies the inspection fees that are collected at the port of entry for semen and embryos.

The \$38 fee that is collected by IEAS prior to issuing permits for importing semen and embryos was calculated to cover routine inspection charges at the port of entry during normal business hours. The fee was also designed to include travel and inspection fees for semen and embryos imported into the United States through limited ports during normal business hours. However, the fee was not designed to include any reimbursable overtime or compliance charges. These overtime and compliance fees should be charged to the individual importation by the U.S. inspector at the port of entry, if applicable.

The Import Animals Staff has revised the statement on the permit to read "User fee charges for the application and inspection fee have been collected by Staff. Any overtime or compliance charges will be collected at the port of entry."

If there are any questions or comments, please contact the User Fee Section at (telephone: Area Code (301) 436-5901).

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