

Dear Colleagues -

On Monday, November 19, 2007, the new importation requirements for cattle from Canada will go into effect. The guidance documents which outline the specific requirements for importing cattle under the new regulations "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal Risk Regions; Importation of Live Bovines and Products Derived from Bovines" are found on the APHIS websites at the following web addresses:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/live_animals.shtml

1. "Dear Importer Letter," which provides a general summary of the new regulation, is found under the "News Update" section as Live Ruminants.
2. The Question and Answers for Ruminants Imported From Canada is found under the "News Update" section.
3. The Import Protocol for Cattle/Bison from Canada is found under the "Cattle" section and listed as Cattle from Canada.
4. Two Import Protocols for Sheep for Feeding and Slaughter are found under the "Importing Sheep" section and listed as Sheep from Canada for Feeding and Sheep from Canada for Slaughter.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_anproducts.shtml

"Dear Importer Letter," which provides a general summary of the changes for imported ruminant products and by-products from Canada, is found under the "News and Information" section.

Please contact our National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) at 301-734-8364 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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