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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 15 July 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States.

Classical Swine Fever Status in Chile

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending the regulations for importing animals and animal products by adding Chile to the list of regions APHIS recognizes as free of classical swine fever (CSF). APHIS is taking this action at the request of the Government of Chile and after conducting a risk evaluation that indicates that Chile is free of this disease. APHIS is also adding Chile to a list of CSF-free regions whose exports of live swine, pork, and pork products to the United States must meet certain certification requirements to ensure their freedom from CSF, and amending those requirements to accommodate the addition of Chile to the list. These actions relieve restrictions on the importation into the United States of pork, pork products, live swine, and swine semen from Chile while continuing to protect against the introduction of this disease into the United States.

The effective date of the final rule is 28 July 2004.

On 13 November 2003, APHIS published in the Federal Register (68 FR 64274-64282, Docket No. 03-009-1) a proposal to amend the regulations by adding Chile to the list of regions APHIS recognizes as free of CSF. APHIS also proposed to add Chile to a list of CSF-free regions whose exports of live swine, pork, and pork products to the United States must meet certain certification requirements to ensure their freedom from CSF, and to amend those requirements to accommodate the addition of Chile to the list. In addition, APHIS proposed to amend those certification requirements to require, for pork and pork products from a region listed in Sec. 94.24, an additional statement that the swine from which the pork and pork products were derived have not lived in a region affected with CSF.

The final rule was published in the Federal Register: 13 July 2004 (Volume 69, Number 133)Page 41915-41920. The final rule can be viewed at http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2004_register&docid=fr13jy04-3 or <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor/all.html>

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