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IMPORT Food Products Update

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On March 31, 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a letter to clarify the import permit process for USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) - exempted food products containing small amounts (less than two percent) of meat and/or poultry ingredients.

Further, APHIS has informed CBP that a USDA import permit will now be required for FSIS-exempted food products containing small amounts of meat and/or poultry ingredients from countries considered by

USDA to be affected with animal diseases of concern.

Products from these countries, such as bouillon cubes, extracts, and soup mixes, which have previously gained entry solely under a health certificate indicating product being concentrated by boiling, will now also require a USDA import permit.

supporting documentation in addition to the permit(s).



Please visit the following link for additional information and types of supporting documentation.

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Imported_Food_Products/index.asp



CBP enforcement of this APHIS policy change is scheduled to start on June 22, 2009. Furthermore, the FSIS may require the importer to furnish



EXPORT BIS Modifications & Additions to End-User Program

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published a Federal Register notice on April 29th, modifying the list of approved end-users and eligible items for the People's Republic of China (PRC) under Authorization Validated End-User (VEU). This final rule amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to add a new entity to the list of end-users in the PRC approved to receive exports, re-exports and transfers of certain items under Authorization VEU (Section 748.15 of the EAR), and adds and revises eligible items and destinations for two existing VEU

authorizations. As a result of this modification, there are six VEUs approved in China and a total of twenty eligible facilities. Since October 2007, over \$19 million of high technology items have been shipped from the United States to the PRC under Authorization VEU. "The VEU program is an important initiative that promotes secure civilian high technology trade and we are pleased to expand the program in China. We look forward to more additions to the VEU program in the coming months," said Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security Daniel O. Hill.

Foreign companies that are approved as validated end-users are eligible to receive specified items under the general authorization "Authorization VEU" instead of under individual transaction-specific licenses. Companies in China participating in VEU must pass a rigorous national security review and agree to strict follow-on compliance obligations prior to qualification, including agreeing to on-site reviews. Qualification for VEU benefits both the foreign participants and U.S. exporters by allowing categories of exports instead of requiring review of individual

transactions. The VEU program is in the national interest because it makes U.S. products more competitive for foreign companies that have a strong track record of civilian end-uses and compliance with U.S. dual-use export controls. This allows the U.S. government to focus more precisely on exports where the foreign customer is less well-known.

Source: Bureau of Industry and Security

Charleston South Carolina Int'l Trade Conference 2009

The Annual South Carolina International Trade Conference will be taking place this year from May 26th to the 28th. This is a great opportunity to network with over 400 international logistics, transportation, distribution, manufacturing, and international trade

professionals; along with educational sessions led by industry leaders. Please visit <http://www.scsipa.com/scitc/scitc.asp> for more information and to register for this event.



Seminars (cont.) A.C.E. Training in Charleston & Savannah

The Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Associations of Charleston & Savannah will be hosting a seminar for A.C.E. Training. The topics that will specifically be covered are:

- New Functionality in ACE for ESAR A2.2
- Business Practice Changes Needed
- An Update on the ESAR A2.2 Implementation
- What's Coming Next in ESAR, Manifest and Release?

The presentation will be conducted by Cindy Allen with NCBFAA Educational Institute out of Washington D.C.

This event qualifies for 2.5 C.C.S. points

For Charleston...

When: May 20th, 2009
From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Radisson Hotel
Charleston Airport
5991 Rivers Ave
N. Charleston, SC

If you are interested in attending, please contact Rick Jones at:

843-554-6400 Ext 111
-or-
Rick.Jones@johnsjames.com

For Savannah...

When: May 21st, 2009
From 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Customs Operations Ctr
Chatham Center 139
Southern Blvd
Savannah, GA

If you are interested in attending, please contact Myra Reynolds at:

912-963-2960
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Cost: \$35.00/pp = CBFFAC Members
\$25.00/pp – 2 or more members from the same company
\$50.00/pp – Non-Members



Here are some upcoming seminars hosted by the Charleston Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association. Details to follow in future newsletters...

June 17, 2009—CBP's Agriculture Program

July 22, 2009—ADD/CVD

August 19, 2009—U.S. Trade Agreements

September 17, 2009— Duty Drawback Seminar

John S. James Co. Employee Anniversaries

We would like to acknowledge the contributions of the following JSJ employees, wishing them a happy anniversary in May

Myra Reynolds	32 yrs	Aileen Deden	3 yrs
Lynn Welsh	29 yrs	John Graddick II	3 yrs
Karen Marlowe	28 yrs	Shequita Black	1 yr
Ron Pozdol	26 yrs	Lindy Bowers	1 yr
Randy Goodwin	24 yrs	Anne Marie DeRosa	1 yr
Gwen Warren	19 yrs	Teresa Wilson	1 yr
Jill James	19 yrs		

