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NOTICE TO EXPORTERS

It is the exporter and manufacturing facility's responsibility to ensure all European Union requirements, including packaging and labeling requirements, are met before requesting health certificates from the USDA.

This notice is to inform exporters that some countries of the European Union have recently stalled several import shipments.

The shipments were held because:

- 1. The product packaging did not contain the required identification mark, which includes:**

- The name of the country in which the establishment is located
- The EU approval number of the establishment as published at <http://circa.europa.eu/irc/sanco/vets/info/data/listes/10us.pdf>

See Regulation 2004/438/EC for more information - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/consleg/2004/R/02004R0853-20060101-en.pdf>

- 2. The container number and/or seal numbers were not included on the European Union Health Certificate. Please note that the requirement to include this information on the health certificate varies by country. Contact your importer prior to shipment to confirm whether the container and seal numbers must be present on your certificate.**

Please be advised that these are requirements of the European Union, and your shipments may be at risk if you do not comply.

It is **the exporters' responsibility** to discuss all European Union requirements with importing customers to verify that you meet all of the packaging and labeling requirements of the importing country.

At times, AMS can amend certificates for products covered by a European Union Health Certificate; however, not all importing countries accept amended certificates.