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CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 24-01

TO: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
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SUBJECT: Request Input on Proposed Enhancement for Export Certification

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to request feedback from industry regarding a proposed customer improvement plan for export certification. The Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) is considering plans to provide an option for digital/electronic signed export certificates: APHIS Forms 2017, 2046, 2046S, 2047, and 2047S. This option will be in addition to current practices as outlined in VSM 800.52.

II. BACKGROUND

The CVB may furnish export certificates for products prepared in accordance with the Virus Serum Toxin Act and regulations pursuant to the Act. Currently this service is provided by receiving certificates requested via USPS/Courier (hard copy) or the NCAH Portal. Certificates are issued hard-copy with a wet signature and may have additional authenticating factors such as embossed seals and stamps.

III. PROPOSED PROCESS

- A. The digital certificates will be issued using a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) format with an additional Adobe Approved Trust List (AATL).
1. Only certificate requests submitted through the NCAH Portal will be considered for this option.
 2. Only one method of certificate issuance is allowed per submission.
 3. All formats listed in VSM 800.52 are eligible for a digital certificate.

IV. APPLICABILITY

We are requesting the input from licensed establishments that are enabled for use of the NCAH Portal to inform the CVB if this enhancement will benefit their export needs and if there would be any barriers with the use of this digital certificate enhancement. Please provide this feedback by June 30, 2024, by contacting CVB@usda.gov, attention to Ruben A. Osorio, and “Feedback Notice 24-01” in the subject line.