

Main Topic	Export Certification Workgroup – Meeting
Date:	March 17, 2011
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Agenda:

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1.	<p>Risk Based Inspections</p> <p>Christian started the discussion by asking if risk based inspection was still something that we needed to pursue.</p> <p>When we started issuing PCs for processed commodities, this</p>	All

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	<p>was a hot topic, but now that FGIS is doing a lot of the inspections, risk based inspection may not be such a hot topic.</p> <p>It was discussed that while risk based inspection may not be necessary for processed products anymore, there may be a need for commodities/companies that you routinely deal with and have never had a problem with. (egs. dried beans, maple flooring)</p> <p>This approach would be company/commodity/history driven where audits would be done every few months and every shipment would not have to be inspected.</p> <p>Commodities that would probably be ineligible for this type of approach would vary and probably includes: seeds, fresh fruit and vegetables, and nursery stock.</p> <p>APHIS has put a heavy emphasis on decreasing the amount of compliance agreements that we have with facilities. Christian will look into if there is a compliance-type agreement that States can have with facilities. He will look for a document that circulated several years ago about facility agreements. (Laney thinks that Tim McNary may have headed that committee.)</p> <p>→ Action Item – Christian will look for the facility agreement document. If he finds it, he will circulate it to the group for comments.</p>	
2.	<p>PCIT Query Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn reported that they are constantly bombarded with requests for reports on what/how much of what is being sent where. Currently there is no good way of getting this data. <p>Christian reported that in the next PCIT release, existing reports will be rolled into a new reporting tool. The new tool will allow for the running of huge reports and will produce the information in .xls format.</p> <p>There is a continuing problem of inconsistent data being added to PCIT that could skew report results. An example</p>	Marilyn Kinoshita

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	<p>is the varied uses of “totes”, “cartons”, “boxes”, “pounds”, “kilograms”, etc. without a way to relate them together in a report. Another issue is when the user does not select from a drop down menu and enters their own text. (eg. instead of selecting “Fruit” from the menu, they type in “FRUIT”.)</p>	
3.	<p>Treatment Survey Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig reported that the compilation of the data was not quite complete. • He has received 40 responses out of 100 from State/County Cooperators. • He wants to compile both surveys into one excel document and expects to distribute this document within a few days • Survey comments will be distributed to ECW members only at a later date. • Once these documents are distributed, the ECW can discuss the information as a group and decide if the actual comments should be released to a broader audience. • The outcome was focused on understanding what is actually happening and there is concern that the actual written comments may inadvertently identify the respondent. <p>→ Action Item – Craig will send out compiled survey results and survey comments in separate emails.</p>	Craig Southwick
4.	<p>Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCIT/PExD Update <p><u>PCIT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christian reviewed the proposed changes to PCIT that will be part of the May 25 PCIT 5.0 release. ○ Some of the changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form 578 will be available • Attachments will be archived after 3 months ○ Reaccreditation training – ES is in the process of reviewing draft training and test materials provided by the PDC. Once ES and the PDC complete the updates and reviews, then the materials will be 	All

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	<p>forwarded to the USDA Target Center. The Target Center will review the materials to make sure it is Section 508 compliant. After the Target Center review, the test will be forwarded to Team AgLearn for uploading to AgLearn. If all parties stay on schedule, the test should be available May 1. Realistically, we're looking at early June as an availability date.</p> <p><u>PeXD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Of the 156 country summaries in EXCERPT, 59 have been migrated to the new system, PExD. ○ The system is available now. ES just needs to have the developer open it up for all to access. ○ Discussed a date for opening up the system and scheduling webinars. ○ Marilyn reported that May 1 through the summer is a busy time for them so webinars should be done before then. ○ The target for the webinars is the first few weeks in April. Separate webinars will be given to government users and industry users. Each group will have 5-6 webinars with a maximum of 100 attendees per webinar. <p style="text-align: center;">→ Action item – ES will work on the wording for the webinar invites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Govdelivery.com <p>Christian briefly discussed GovDelivery.com.</p> <p>From the govdelivery.com website:</p> <p>“GovDelivery takes the information government organizations are already creating and re-purposes it through email, text messaging, RSS and social media channels.”</p> <p>AND,</p> <p>“GovDelivery is the #1 sender of government-to-citizen communications, serving over 400 government entities worldwide and more than half of major U.S. federal</p>	

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	<p>agencies. Organizations use GovDelivery to send over 200 million messages every month on a broad range of topics including national emergencies, health alerts, tax policy changes and more. “</p> <p>APHIS will soon be contributing information to this system for dissemination to interested parties. Exact date that Export/PCIT data will be available is to be determined.</p> <p>→ Action Item – Spread the word to colleagues and stakeholders that this is coming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Export Certification Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011 @ 2:30 EDT. 	