

Main Topic	Export Certification Workgroup – Meeting Minutes
Date:	April 26, 2012
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Facilitator:	Christian Dellis
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AGENDA:

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1.	<p>PIM Staff Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ No one on Export Services is taking the buyout. ❖ Three Trade Management employees took the buyout. Their last day is 04/30/12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeanne VanDersal – Trade Director (Potatoes) Jeanne’s position will be absorbed by the other trade directors as they handle potato issues within their country portfolio. ○ Mike Swett – Trade Director (Europe, Middle East, Central Asia, North Africa, and Russia) For Mike’s position, an Acting Trade Director (Valerie Defeo) has been selected for a 120-day TDY. Valerie will begin her TDY on Monday, April 30, 2012 ○ Nancy Klag – Deputy Director (Western Hemisphere & Specific Commodities) Nancy’s position will not be filled. His duties will be distributed among the PIM management team. ❖ There has been some talk about PPQ (or PHP) reorganization, but nothing has been decided yet. ES is not sure what or when a change might happen. Please be cognizant that as responsibilities of the PIM staff are increased and/or modified, response turnaround time may be affected. 	Christian Dellis
2.	<p>Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PCIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PCIT 5.4 is expected to be deployed in mid-May. The state of California will be applying an admin fee to export docs issued by the counties. The functionality for the fee to be applied has been added to 5.4. In addition, several reports have been modified. ○ PCIT 6.0 is expected to be deployed later this summer. This release will give the system a more streamlined look. ○ Discussions on the PCIT/PExD interface are ongoing. ○ By June, electronic exchange of phytos should be possible. As Mexico is not expected to be ready until 	All

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	<p>December, the Republic of Korea may be the first country in this program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ES and HP are trying to get more industry reports created <p>❖ Accreditation Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The current program manager, Mike Ward, will be retiring on April 30. ○ We need to generate ideas for the future of the program. What do we need to do to it? How in depth or simple should it be? How should it look? Do we still need it? Alternatives? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Risk based assessment ▪ Compliance agreements <p>There was some concern that decreased inspections might reduce the revenue of states that charge time and mileage fees, but freeing up personnel that could then do other work may balance the deficit,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Export Services will put some information together about this issue and forward it to the ECW <p>❖ Protocol for Requesting Trade Negotiations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike Bryan presented an example where CFIA made changes to their <i>Vaccinium</i> nursery stock requirements that appeared too strict. They routed their concerns to their ECS. Is that the correct route? <p>Yes. Concerns of that nature should be forwarded to the ECS. From the ECS to the region and from there to HQ, Riverdale.</p> <p>Christian will double check with Terri Dunahay (Trade Director, Canada) to see if the information has reached HQ. If not, he'll contact Laney Campbell in the ER.</p> <p>❖ Status of Phyto Business Process Improvement (BPI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It appears as if the focus of the BPI is to look at the fees that the USDA charges for phytosanitary certification. The emphasis right now is to solicit feedback from USDA employees. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Training for ACOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From Mike Bryan: The online reaccreditation training provides a good overview of export certification policy and procedures, but doesn't really explain the day-to-day operations of certification (using PCIT, doing inspections, etc.) Are there plans for more online training to be developed? <p>Christian noted now that reaccreditation is online, we'll take a look at making initial training also available in AgLearn. Initial training would include specific items like using PCIT to certify. Marcus added that ES will work with the PDC to develop training modules for ACOs. Modules may include sampling, certifying, treatments, etc. The modules would be for information only and would not be graded.</p> <p>ES may need to solicit help from members of the ECW in creating these modules. We'd be looking for what types of modules should be created and donations of photos and/or existing presentations that could be incorporated into a module.</p>	
	<p>Next ECW Meeting – Thursday, June 28, 2012 @ 2:30 EDT</p> <p>(Sarah has already indicated that she will not be able to attend. She has been invited to select a replacement to attend in her place.)</p>	