

FOR INFORMATION/ACTION
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SUBJECT: Name Change Effective Immediately -- Safeguarding Intervention and Trade Compliance to Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

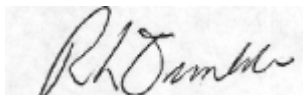
Many changes have occurred within SITC in the last year and more are coming. The finalization of the SITC report saw the formation of a Board of Advisors (BOA). This group was charged with developing a SITC strategic plan that would guide SITC for the future.

The name Safeguarding Intervention and Trade Compliance, while descriptive, does not capture the true mission of SITC as developed in the strategic plan. This name was adopted during a period of transition when the roles and responsibilities of PPQ and Customs and Border Protection were in flux.

SITC was founded to address the many non-compliant importations and smuggled commodities that were entering U.S. commerce. To this end, the BOA recommended to the PPQ Executive Team that the name of this organization be changed back to Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance. The Executive Team approved this recommendation, effective immediately, because it best describes the mission and vision in the strategic plan.

In re-establishing the old name, we fully intend to forge a new dynamic SITC built on its past accomplishments but committed to the recommendations of the recent SITC review and the work of the BOA. There will be more detailed descriptions of the other changes coming to SITC in the near future.

We believe this name change symbolizes many of the positive changes that SITC will encounter in the near future.



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