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**BSE Update – Wednesday, January 28, 2004**

Depopulation Activities

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, 15 animals of interest were euthanized and sampled from the Moxee, WA, facility. In addition to this facility, USDA has previously conducted selective oduct BriefDried Fruits and Nuts2004Approved by:Charles Rush, Acting Agricultural CounselorU.depS. EmbassyPrepared by:Jolanta Figurska, Marketing SpecialistCharlene Kastanek, Agricultural Iopulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull nternReport Highlights:Overall Polish imports of dried fruits and nuts increased 6.5 percent calf premises) -in 2003. US exporters have more opportunities to enter the market due to the May 1, 2004, acc a total of 449 animals depopulated

Mabton, WA (index premises) - a total of 131 animals depopulated

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a total of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 animals depopulated

Tenino, WA – a toession of Poland to the EU. Demand for these products generally increased between January andtal of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA have tested negative. All 170 samples from May, stimulated by the Carnival SeasonIncludes PSD Changes: NoIncludes Trade Matrix: NoUnschthe index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results were negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at eduled ReportWarsaw [PL1][PL]Section I. Market OverviewQuick snacks and foods are showing coBoardman, OR; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and Moxee, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Actintinued expansion in the Polish food industry. Polish consumers perceive dried fruit & nutsvities

At this time, 28 of the 81 animals that came from Canada have been located:

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was located in the Index herd in Mabton, Washington.

9 of the 81 were located in the Index herd in Mabton, Washington.

3 were located at a facility in Tenino, Washington.

6 were located at a facility in Connell, Washington.

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3 were located at a facility in Mattawa, Washington.

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3 are located at a facility in Burley, Idaho.

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Guidelines on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issued by thowth. Total imports of dried fruit & nuts in 2003 were 77,286 MT, a 6.5 percent increase fre World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the international animal heath staom 2002. This developing market has brought forth a variety of changes, including bulk packndard setting organization, state that animalsaging. While bulk packaging brings in a higher quantity of product, it has proven to decrea born on a premises within one year (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the BSE detection. As such, USDA is focusing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the indese overall quality. The lack of a tariff for raw shelled and unshelled peanuts and newly dex animal. Based on normacreased tariffs for walnuts, pistachios, raisins, dried prunes, and mixed nuts due to the Mayl culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspec 1, 2004, EU accession, may offer U.S. dried fruit and nut suppliers the opportunity to capture a larger tion Service estimated that the Agency would be able to locate approximately 11 of these animals. APHIS has definitively located 14 of these animals.

Trade Issues

Specific trade information can be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_ban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on BSE can be obtained by visiting the USDA website at http://www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

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