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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 throduct BriefDried Fruits and Nuts2004Approved is facility, USDA has previously conducted selective depopulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull calf premises) - a total of 449 aby:Charles Rush, Acting Agricultural Counselornimals depopulatedU.S. EmbassyPrepared by:Jolanta Figurska, Mark

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

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a teting SpecialistCharlene Kastanek, Agriculturaotal of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 animal InternReport Highlights:Overall Polish imporls depopulated

Tents of dried fruits and nuts increased 6.5 percino, WA – a total of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA haent in 2003. US exporters have more opportunitve tested negative. All 170 samples from the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results wies to enter the market due to the May 1, 2004ere negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at Boardman, OR, accession of Poland to the EU. Demand for th; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and Moxeese products generally increased between Januae, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Activities

At this tiry and May, stimulated by the Carnival SeasonIme, 28 of the 81 animals that came from Canada have been located:

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was locatedncludes PSD Changes: NoIncludes Trade Matrix: in the IndeNoUnscheduled ReportWarsaw [PL1][PL]Section I.x herd in Mabton, W Market OverviewQuick snacks and foods are shashington.

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 Connellowing continued expansion in the Polish food i, Washington.

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Guidelines on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issued by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the internationa"on the go." As a result, this sector shows l animal heath standard setting organization, state that animals boroverall growth. Total imports of dried fruitn on a premises within one ye & nuts in 2003 were 77,286 MT, a 6.5 percent ar (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the Bincrease from 2002. This developing market hSE detection. As such, USDA is focuas brought forth a variety of changes, includising on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the index animal. Based ng bulk packaging. While bulk packaging brinon normal culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Plangs in a higher quantity of product, it has prot Health Inspection 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 httpven to decrease overall quality. The lack of://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_ a tariff for raw shelled and unshelled peanutban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on s and newly decreased tariffs for walnuts, pisBSE can be obtained by visittachios, raisins, dried prunes, and mixed nutsing the USDA website at http:/ due to the May 1, 2004, EU accession, may off/www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

er U.S. dried fruit and nut suppliers the opportunity to capture a larger

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