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CLGA members:

As some of you know, CFIA has started scrutinizing collection dates with respect to import permit requests for semen and embryos from Schmallerberg affected countries. At this point, they are still gathering information that will be used to determine the outcome of shipments that contain germplasm that they believe to be collected during the period of concern. They hope to have some additional information this week to help guide those decisions. Currently, there are 3 pending requests to import that still require a decision. These requests have been held for longer than anticipated as CFIA awaits further information. Other requests have been reviewed and responded to almost immediately if they are not of concern.

CFIA's intent is not to delay importation unnecessarily, but they are trying to base their decisions on the best available information. In addition, further input may be required from stakeholders to discuss options. Once a decision is made on how to proceed, it will be much easier to review and issue permits in a timely fashion.

Dr. Amy Snow says that she hopes to be able to provide more specific information in coming days and she really appreciates our and industry's patience with this issue.

Best regards.

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