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Notice to Dairy Exporters

Vietnam Requires Sanitary Certificates to be Dated Prior to Departure

This notice is to inform all Sanitary Certificate Applicants that Vietnam Customs officials require Sanitary Certificates to be dated prior to departure from the United States. All Applicants are responsible for requesting certificates to comply with this requirement. Please note that, as stated in the Dairy Grading Branch instructions, certificates may require up to 5 business days for processing.

Consequently, USDA-AMS-Dairy Programs will deny requests that are submitted after the departure date or submitted with insufficient time to review and process prior to the date of departure from the United States. In order to facilitate certificate issuance, <u>Applicants must provide the date of departure in the subject line and in the e-mail message when submitting the application.</u>

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