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**Report Name:** New Export Certificate Requirement Streamlines Trade

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**Report Highlights:**

To reduce confusion at Malaysian ports and to streamline trade in lamb, beef, poultry and pork, all FSIS export certificates must now include in the remarks section the establishment number, name, and address of the producing/processing facility in the United States. This new requirement is especially important for U.S. pork, as trade in this product has increased significantly over the past 12 months.

**Summary:**

The Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Service (MAQIS) recently detained shipments of U.S. pork product at Port Klang due to confusion over whether or not the product was sourced from approved processing plants in the United States. This misunderstanding occurred due to the fact that only the establishment numbers of the approved U.S. processing facilities were included in section 7 of the shipments' accompanying FSIS export certificates, while the facilities' names and addresses were omitted. To resolve the issue, Post quickly intervened, providing the additional facility information and had the shipments "unstuck". To avoid this type of misunderstanding at port in the future and to streamline trade, Post, FSIS, the Malaysian Department of Veterinary Services, and MAQIS agreed that the establishment number, name, and address of the U.S. producing/processing facility should be listed in the FSIS export certificate remarks section (section 17) for all lamb, beef, poultry, and pork consignments. This new requirement is especially important for U.S. pork, as trade in this product has increased significantly over the past 12 months. Updated, detailed guidance on meat and poultry export requirements for Malaysia can be found at the [USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service Export Library](#).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.