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FSIS Export Library on Ship Stores

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Report Highlights:

Post successfully negotiates a waiver to allow the import of meat and meat products used for ship stores.

Executive Summary:

In response to U.S. exporters' requests, Post approached the Thai Department of Livestock Development (DLD) to consider waiving specific requirements for the import of meat and meat products used for ship stores. After arduous negotiations, Post persuaded DLD representatives to consider granting waivers for permits currently required for the import of meat and meat products. Thus, DLD officials will consider these waiver requests on a case-by-case basis, which can be requested through the FAS office in the U.S. Embassy with the appropriate documentation.

The new agreement is reflected in the Food Safety Inspection Service's Export Library for Thailand in item (H) under the document requirement section as follows:

"Ship Stores: Import permit is required. However, an import permit waiver can be requested from the Thai Department of Livestock Development on a case-by-case basis through the U.S. Embassy in Thailand on behalf of an importer and with appropriate documentation. Please contact the FAS office in the U.S. Embassy in Thailand at agbangkok@fas.usda.gov for assistance.

The updated Export Library for Thailand can be found at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Thailand.

The estimated value of U.S. exports generated from Post's efforts will be at least \$300,000 per annum.