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Shipment of Diamond Pet Food Released from Border Detention

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Report Highlights:

FAS/Warsaw assisted in release of Diamond Pet Food shipment worth US\$100,000 detained by border veterinary inspection over legacy certification issue.

General Information:

In February 2012, FAS/Warsaw collaborated with APHIS/Brussels to gain release of three containers of U.S. origin Diamond Pet Food detained by Polish border veterinary inspection (BVI) authorities due to certification issues. The BVI indicated discrepancies in completion of the 3(B) health certificates (European Commission Regulation 142/2011) for pet food by the U.S. inspector as a reason for shipment detention.

After receiving APHIS/Brussels notification of the detention, FAS/Warsaw engaged the Chief Veterinary Office (CVO) at the General Veterinary Inspectorate (GVI) and identified interpretation discrepancies with the 3(B)/142/2011 health certificate (HC) form. Several follow-up engagements with the CVO resulted in the GVI consulting the EU veterinary authorities in Brussels to clarify proper interpretation of the document. On agreement between EU Brussels and APHIS/Washington, Polish authorities released the three containers upon receipt from APHIS/Washington an addendum to the original certificate holding clarifying language.

EU veterinary authorities in Brussels and APHIS/Washington are negotiating a final interpretation of the 3(B)/142/2011 HC form for pet food destined to the EU market.

In 2011, Poland's import of pet food from the United States totaled US\$ 972,000. The importer assessed the value of the three containers released from the port of Gdynia at **US\$ 100,000**.

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