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Subject: Export Notice 2004-6, Russian Approved Plant Lists and Company Name Changes

Effective immediately, establishments on any Russian Approved Plant List that are undergoing a change in company name must notify the Office of International Affairs, Import-Export Programs Staff (IEPS), at least 30 days in advance of the effective date of the change. The establishment should identify the name change and the effective date. IEPS will then notify the Russian Veterinary Service of this information and request that they change the name of the company on their lists accordingly. As of the effective date, the new company name should appear exclusively in the "Name, Number, and Address of Establishment Approved by the Veterinary Service" block of the pertinent red meat FSIS export certificate.

This notification process is necessary in order to minimize delays at the ports-of-entry in Russia due to differences between company names on the Russian lists and on export certificates.

IEPS can be reached at importexport@fsis.usda.gov (email), 202-720-0082 (phone), or 202-720-7990 (fax).