

**USDA-APHIS Accepting Written Comments
Regarding Proposed BSE Regulations
Until April 7, 2004**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) is accepting written comments until April 7 concerning its proposed rule that would amend the regulations regarding the importation of animals and animal products to recognize, and add Canada to, a category of regions that present “a minimal risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States via live ruminants and ruminant products.”

The proposed rule also sets conditions under which USDA-APHIS would allow the importation of certain live ruminants and ruminant products and byproducts from such regions.

Parties interested in commenting on the proposed regulations can access the USDA-APHIS notice at the following internet address:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-5265.htm>

The notice contains information about the proposed rule and how to submit comments to USDA-APHIS.

To obtain a copy of the USDA-APHIS notice via e-mail, please send a request to us at techservices@ngjensen.com.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact your NGJ account representative or nearest NGJ office.

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