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CBATO Facilitates Release of Egg Product Detained in Barbados

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Report Highlights:

FAS' Caribbean Basin Agricultural Trade Office (CBATO) in Miami facilitated the release of a \$2,000 shipment of frozen, liquid egg product, detained in Barbados pending clarification of the export certification requirement.

General Information:

Issue

In May 2014 the Barbados Veterinary Service detained a shipment of U.S. egg products pending clarification of the export certification requirement. The Barbados Veterinary Service sought information from USDA regarding U.S. Federal certification of egg products.

FAS (CBATO) Actions

Upon learning of the situation, the CBATO communicated with specialists in USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), which each have responsibilities related to certifying different egg products. Follow-up CBATO communication with Barbados' Veterinary Service served to pinpoint their specific questions.

The CBATO obtained a full description of the product (a liquid, frozen egg product [pasteurized but not cooked]) from the exporter, and passed it on to the USDA regulatory agencies to confirm that the FSIS Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate (Form PY 200) was, indeed, the appropriate certificate for the detained product. The CBATO then relayed this information to the Barbados Veterinary Service.

Impact

Having received an explanation of the current export certification situation for egg products in the United States, as well as clarification on which U.S. agency currently provides the certification for liquid, frozen egg products, the Barbados Veterinary Service agreed to allow entry of the detained shipment. While the shipment in question was worth approximately \$2,000, it represents a monthly order for the supplier.