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FAS Rome and APHIS Negotiate Non-Human Primate Export Certificate

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Report Highlights:

Post, on behalf of APHIS, negotiated with the Italian Ministry of Health a bilateral health certificate for export to Italy of samples (other than processed DNA samples, and ones embedded completely on micro slides or preserved in alcohol or formaldehyde) from non-human primates intended for scientific research." The labor intensive agreement was reached after almost two years of negotiations.

General Information:

Post on behalf of APHIS, negotiated with the Italian Ministry of Health a bilateral health certificate for export to Italy of samples from non-human primates intended for scientific research.” The labor intensive agreement was reached after almost two years of negotiations.

As posted on the APHIS website at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/it_rds_nhp.pdf

Research and Diagnostic Samples from Non-Human Primates

Italy does not require any certification for samples from non-human primates that are:

- Embedded on microscope Slides; or
- Suspended in formalin; or
- Suspended in alcohol.

A copy of the new bilingual (English/Italian) certificate can be downloaded from the APHIS website at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/it_cert_nhp.pdf

For other samples, Italy requires the: “HEALTH CERTIFICATE for export to Italy of samples (other than processed DNA samples, and ones embedded completely on micro slides or preserved in alcohol or formaldehyde) from non-human primates intended for scientific research.”

Prior to endorsement of the above referenced health certificate, APHIS must inspect the collection facility to verify the pertinent criteria. In addition lab reports as referenced in the certificate will be required for each source animal. For more information, please contact your local Veterinary Services Field Office.

The European Union (EU) defines “research and diagnostic samples” as: animal by-products and derived products intended for the following purposes: examination in the context of diagnostic activities or analysis for the promotion of progress in science and technology, in the context of educational or research activities. Most EU countries do not require any government export certificate for research and diagnostic samples to the EU, except for Italy.

Thanks to the new agreement, Post estimates an annual export value of approximately \$100,000.

