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Dr. Krzysztof Jazdzewski
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Dear Dr. Jazdzewski:

Thank you for the hospitality and cooperation that you and your staff extended to members of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) site visit team that recently visited Poland as part of our evaluation of your country's status with regard to classical swine fever (CSF) and swine vesicular disease (SVD). We believe we made significant progress in our evaluation process.

During the visit, the team made a commitment to provide you with a written summary of issues identified during the visit as potential risk factors for introduction or reintroduction of CSF or SVD into Poland. In the absence of appropriate import controls, these could impact the risk of exporting CSF- or SVD-infected commodities into the United States. The three major areas in which risk factors were identified; namely, potential for CSF infection in wild boar, enforcement of the waste feeding ban, and diagnostic testing capacity are summarized in Enclosure 1. Additional information needs identified during the site visit are listed in Enclosure 2.

We are proceeding with our risk assessment based on the information gathered thus far. Of course, the evaluation results will be influenced by any additional information you can provide on the issues identified in this communication. During the risk assessment process, we may identify additional issues. To expedite future information exchange, we request that you designate an individual within your veterinary program to be a point of contact for APHIS should further clarification be needed during the evaluation process.

Your primary contact for this project is Dr. Kelly Rhodes, USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, National Center for Import and Export, Regionalization Evaluation Services Staff, Unit 38, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, Maryland 20737. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact Dr. Rhodes by telephone at 301-734-7602, by fax at 301-734-3222, or by e-mail at kelly.rhodes@aphis.usda.gov.



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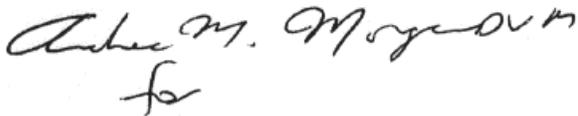
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Thank you again for your hospitality and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Clifford".

John R. Clifford
Deputy Administrator
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Enclosures
