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Translation

Subject: exportation of poultry and poultry products from the Federal Republic of Germany to the United States of America
Re:lifting of the ban on imports

Dear Dr. Clifford,

since 26 March 2008, Germany may describe itself as a country free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) according to the standards of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Please find enclosed a corresponding confirmation by the OIE.

Pursuant to your letter of July 17, 2007 the US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service issued a temporary ban on the importation of poultry and other birds as well as of unprocessed products derived therefrom from the Kreis of Muldenthal, Kreis of Torgue-Oschatz, Kreis of Döbeln and Kreis of Saalfeld-Rudolstadt into the United States.

In view of the altered animal health situation and the great economic interest, I request you to lift the ban imposed in 2007 now so that free trade can be resumed between Germany and the United States.

Please find enclosed an up-to-date report on the HPAI epidemiological situation for your information.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
signed: Prof. Dr. Zwingmann

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