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**Subject:** Clarification on FMD Technical Data

## COMMENTS:

Dear Dr. Geymonat,

Attached please find an email message requesting additional information for the FMD risk assessment for importation of Beef from Uruguay into the United States. The email message did not go through, apparently because of an error in the address. Please send your email address, that will greatly enhance our communication time. My email address is: Hatim.Gubara@aphis.usda.gov.  
I look forward to your reply.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hatim Gubara

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Subject: Request for clarification on technical data

Hatim Gubara

Dr. Dante Geymonat,

Hello. Thank you for the information you provided in your April 15th, 2002 response. We are requesting clarification on some of the data, specifically on page 21 of the submission you listed the number of Tons/kgs of beef per container to be 13, 17, and 25 as minimum, most likely and maximum respectively (first table, second row). From your records we would like to have the number of shipments (minimum, most likely and maximum) per month of the year for the same period you reported (1996 - 2000). Alternatively if you have the distribution (min., max., most likely) of the weight of beef on a per shipment basis that will be helpful too, or what is the distribution of containers per shipment.

|                           | min | ml | max |
|---------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| Tons of beef per shipment |     |    |     |
| #Containers per shipment  |     |    |     |
| #Shipments per month      |     |    |     |

Additionally, we would like more clarification on the time from slaughter of animals till arrival at a port in the United States. Can you provide more information or a timeline on treatment in slaughter plants, packaging time, holding till shipment, if applicable, transportation modes, etc.

|   | Period                                   | Events  | Time in days |    |     |
|---|--|---|--------------|----|-----|
|   |  |   | min          | ml | max |
| 1 | Pickup of animals at farm till Slaughter | Transport to slaughter house<br>antemortem holding<br>antemortem inspection |              |    |     |
|   |  | Total   |              |    |     |
| 2 | Slaughter till packaging                 | slaughter<br>post mortem inspection<br>maturation                           |              |    |     |
|   |  | Total   |              |    |     |
| 3 | Packaging till shipment                  | Packing<br>cold storage   |              |    |     |
|   |  | Total   |              |    |     |
| 4 | Shipment till arrival at port in the USA | Transport to port<br>Loading<br>Shipment (sea)<br>Shipment (air)            |              |    |     |
|   |  | Total   |              |    |     |

This information will be particularly helpful to us.

Thank you.

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