

Animal Disease Risk Forum
December 9, 2008; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Room 322 U.S. Custom House, Philadelphia, PA 19106

On December 9, 2008, U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will host an **Animal Disease Risk Forum** for local industries handling international garbage.

CBP in Philadelphia has invited Dr. Gary Smith, M.A., M.A., Phil. from the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Aliza Simeone, VMD from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg, PA; and Dr. Maurine Bell, VMD from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Riverdale, MD, to be the primary speakers at this event. This forum seeks to increase awareness of the risks and repercussions involved with the handling of foreign garbage. We will also discuss new issues and regulations related to this industry and the risk of an animal disease outbreak such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

The primary attendees will be the international garbage handling industry such as haulers, incinerators, caterers, cleaners, vessel lines, agents, and importers. Also in attendance will be representatives from federal and state agencies such as USDA, Food Safety Inspections Service (FSIS) and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and representatives from the PA, DE, and NJ State Department of Agricultures.

Attached you will find information provided by USDA about the primary animals and animal diseases of concern.

Please RSVP

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