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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

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TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

FROM: Ben Brancel, Secretary *Ben Brancel*
Steve Ingham, Administrator, Division of Food and Recreational Safety *Cindy Klug for*

SUBJECT: **Update on the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program for Meat Establishments**

PRESENTED BY: Cindy Klug, Director, Bureau of Meat and Poultry Businesses

REQUESTED ACTION:

At the March 16, 2017 Board meeting, the Division of Food and Recreational Safety will report on industry participation in the Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) program. The CIS program allows selected state-licensed meat establishments to sell designated products in interstate commerce. The process by which an establishment applies for and is accepted into the CIS program involves 10 steps, most of which are required by the USDA-FSIS. The report will review the multi-step process for an establishment moving from application to acceptance. The report will also summarize meat establishment interest in, and entry into the program. The report will also review the status of those establishment currently participating in the CIS program, those that are in some step of the application process, as well as those that have just applied to participate. The Division of Food and Recreational Safety provides outreach to those plants that are interested in the CIS program but not sure if it is a fit for their business. The Division also provides guidance to those plants that are working through the application process.

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