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Pakistan Accepts USDA Semen and Embryos Health Certificates

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Report Highlights:

On October 9, 2012, the Government of Pakistan agreed to the proposed USDA veterinary health certificates for export of bovine embryos and bovine semen to Pakistan.

General Information:

On October 9, 2012, following bilateral discussions, the Office of Animal Husbandry Commissioner (AHC) of the Pakistan's Ministry of Food Security and Research accepted USDA veterinary health certificates for export of bovine embryos and bovine semen. Pakistan is already importing bovine embryos and semen from the United States. The acceptance of these USDA certificates will help to standardize the trade between two countries ensuring the import of quality products, which in turn will help to increase the exports of US embryo and semen to Pakistan.

Livestock and dairy is one of the fastest growing sectors of the Pakistan's economy. The demand for livestock products especially dairy products is rapidly rising and has led to development of a robust private sector. The main focus of the private sector is improved productivity and industry is using various approaches to raise the production level. The use of high quality embryo and semen is one of the approaches being used and being relatively cost effective, the trend is likely to gain momentum with the passage of time. The acceptance of USDA veterinary health certificates for export of bovine embryos and semen will not only help the United States exporters in gaining better market access in the Pakistani Market but will also help to strengthen Dairy sector in Pakistan.