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Turkey Allows Importation of Live Bulls from the United States

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Report Highlights:

On September 17, 2009 Turkey and the United States signed a protocol permitting imports of breeding bulls from the United States to Turkey.

General Information:

A veterinary protocol with Turkey that allows imports of live breeding bulls from the United States was signed on September 17, 2009 in Ankara. Regional Veterinary Attaché Dr. Antonio Arroyave signed on behalf of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Deputy Director

General for Livestock Dr. Habib Can signed on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture's Directorate of Protection and Control.

Negotiations on the protocol began in December, 2007. The Office of Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara coordinated communication between APHIS and MARA officials with support from APHIS's regional office in Vienna.

The protocol is effective immediately, and will be published on the APHIS website www.aphis.usda.gov. Imports are required to be accompanied by a *Veterinary Health Certificate for the Exportation of Breeding Bull from the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey*.