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# TRADE FACILITATION DESK

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Most agricultural exports require some type of certification / documentation. Industry has expressed concern that certification, documentation and registration issues can be confusing and adversely impact trade. As a result, we have launched a trade facilitation desk to provide our stakeholders with more information on foreign import requirements such as: certification, documentation, registration, etc. The trade facilitation desk is designed to provide a “one stop shop” approach for U.S. exporters and relevant stakeholders, where they can obtain technical information.

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## **The Trade Facilitation Desk will:**

- Serve as the key point of contact for exporters/industry cooperator groups seeking assistance and guidance on foreign import requirements.
- Provide assistance with shipments that are detained at foreign port of entry: including expeditious outreach to foreign governments and U.S. regulatory agencies.
- Liaison with U.S. and foreign food and agriculture regulatory authorities on trade issues on behalf of U.S. exporters.

## **The Trade Facilitation Desk will help OASA in its efforts to:**

- Lead a Certification and Import Working Group
- Identify Stakeholder Priority Issues
- Host Technical Issues Meetings with Industry
- Inform Bilateral and Multilateral Engagement with Trading Partners

*Information on marketing and credit assistance can be provided by the FAS Office of Trade Programs*

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