



**Fiscal Year 2017
Appropriations Wins**

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AGRICULTURE

1. Direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a prioritization process to conduct audits of countries that have received animal health status recognitions by APHIS.

“SEC.738 - The Secretary of Agriculture shall— (1) within 4 months of the date of enactment of this Act, establish a prioritization process for APHIS to conduct audits or reviews of countries or regions that have received animal health status recognitions by APHIS and provide a description of this process to the Committee on Appropriations of the House, Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, Committee on Agriculture of the House, and Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; (2) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates the following factors in the country or region being audited, as applicable: (A) veterinary control and oversight; (B) disease history and vaccination practices; (C) livestock demographics and traceability; (D) epidemiological separation from potential sources of infection; (E) surveillance practices; (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and (G) emergency preparedness and response. (3) promptly make publicly available the final reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant to subsection (2); and (b) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under its international trade agreements.”