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NMA OFFERS VERIFICATION SEMINAR TO MEAT EXPORTERS

OAKLAND, CA – In the last several months the process to export meat, particularly beef, from the United States has gotten exponentially more complicated. In an effort to clarify an increasingly complex process, National Meat Association is offering an Export Verification Seminar for meat exporters.

The NMA Export Verification Seminar will be held in Denver Colorado on August 7, 2007.

The seminar will bring together the experts who best understand the process in order to address the requirements of various receiving countries. It will explore ways to reduce delays, eliminate problems and increase cost benefits. This seminar is a great opportunity for the industry to improve and coordinate more effectively.

The panel of presentation includes:

- Jim Riva, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
- Richard Montgomery, USDA/FSIS Technical Center Office of International Affairs
- Leann Saunders, IMI Global
- Kevin Smith, U.S Meat Export Federation
- Mike Grasso, Former FSIS Manager of Imports

People interested in attending should contact NMA Regulatory Analyst Roberto Escalante at (510) 763-1533 for registration information.

National Meat Association is a non-profit trade association. Since 1946, NMA has represented meat packers and processors, equipment manufacturers and food suppliers who provide services to the meat industry. The association has members throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Australia and Mexico.