

§ 1230.110 Assessments on imported pork and pork products.

(a) The following HTS categories of imported live porcine animals are subject to assessment at the rate specified.

Live porcine animals	Assessment
0103.10.0000 .	0.45 percent Customs Entered Value.
0103.91.0000 .	0.45 percent Customs Entered Value.
0103.92.0000 .	0.45 percent Customs Entered Value.

(b) The following HTS categories of imported pork and pork products are subject to assessment at the rates specified.

Pork and pork products	Assessment	
	cents/lb	cents/kg
0203.11.0000 .....	.27	.595242
0203.12.1010 .....	.27	.595242
0203.12.1020 .....	.27	.595242
0203.12.9010 .....	.27	.595242
0203.12.9020 .....	.27	.595242
0203.19.2010 .....	.31	.683426
0203.19.2090 .....	.31	.683426
0203.19.4010 .....	.27	.595242
0203.19.4090 .....	.27	.595242
0203.21.0000 .....	.27	.595242
0203.22.1000 .....	.27	.595242
0203.22.9000 .....	.27	.595242
0203.29.2000 .....	.31	.683426
0203.29.4000 .....	.27	.595242
0206.30.0000 .....	.27	.595242
0206.41.0000 .....	.27	.595242
0206.49.0000 .....	.27	.595242
0210.11.0010 .....	.27	.595242
0210.11.0020 .....	.27	.595242
0210.12.0020 .....	.27	.595242
0210.12.0040 .....	.27	.595242
0210.19.0010 .....	.31	.683426
0210.19.0090 .....	.31	.683426
1601.00.2010 .....	.37	.815702
1601.00.2090 .....	.37	.815702
1602.41.2020 .....	.41	.903886
1602.41.2040 .....	.41	.903886
1602.41.9000 .....	.27	.595242
1602.42.2020 .....	.41	.903886
1602.42.204041	.903886
1602.42.400027	.595242
1602.49.200037	.815702
1602.49.400031	.683426

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Dogs and Cats in Commercial Pet Trade; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is hosting a public meeting to gather information on the current Animal Welfare Act regulations and standards that apply to the care of dogs and cats in the commercial pet trade. In line with our commitment to ensure appropriate care for animals regulated under the Animal Welfare Act, we are reviewing these regulations and standards and are seeking recommendations and opinions from the affected industries and concerned public to determine whether revisions are necessary.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on two consecutive half days—from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on the first day and from 8 a.m. until noon on the second day. The meeting will be held in Washington, DC, on April 10 and 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture South Building, South Cafeteria, First Floor, Wing 3, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. If travelling by Metro to the USDA South Building, take the Blue Line (towards Stadium-Armory/Addison Road) or the Orange Line (towards Stadium-Armory/New Carrollton). Exit the train at the Smithsonian station and follow signs to Independence Avenue. Enter Wing 1 of the USDA South Building (entrance is at the corner of 12th Street and Independence Avenue) immediately after exiting the station. You will be required to show identification at the Guard Desk. Proceed to the South Cafeteria in Wing 3 on the first floor; registration will take place at the back of the Cafeteria.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen Smith, Animal Health Technician, Animal Care Staff, REAC, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-4972.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) (7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is

responsible for regulating the care provided to certain animals, including dogs and cats in the commercial pet trade. APHIS believes the AWA regulations and standards pertaining to such dogs and cats may need to be updated. APHIS officials are reviewing the pertinent AWA regulations and standards.

In conducting this review, the agency is seeking recommendations and opinions regarding the housing, care, handling, and transportation of dogs and cats in the commercial pet trade. APHIS officials decided to hold three meetings to gather input from the public, animal protection organizations, and members of affected industries, such as dealers, research facilities, and commercial animal transporters. The first two meetings were held in Kansas City, MO, on February 21 and 22, 1996, and in St. Louis, MO, on February 23 and 24, 1996. We have chosen to hold the third meeting in Washington, DC.

The meeting will include four workshops facilitated by trained APHIS facilitators: (1) Space requirements for primary enclosures, including room for exercise; (2) sanitation, materials, flooring, and construction of primary enclosures; (3) veterinary care and breeding frequency; and (4) transportation by land and by air. In these workshops, group participation will be used to develop recommendations within specific topic areas. After the workshops have concluded, each workshop group will report its recommendations to the entire meeting.

APHIS will consider these recommendations in developing any revisions to the current AWA regulations and standards. The Agency will initiate rulemaking for any changes deemed appropriate.

Participants will register to participate in one workshop for the entire meeting. Registration for workshop sessions will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on April 10 at the back of the South Cafeteria, with the general session beginning at 1 p.m. Attendance may be limited for some workshops because of space availability. Any persons who are unable to attend the meeting, but who wish to comment on any topics covered by the four workshops, may send written comments to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of March 1996.

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