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**Public health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002**

The Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries would like to submit the following comments to the Public health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. The comments relate to Docket No 02N-0278 regarding prior notice of imported food and Docket No 02N-0276 regarding registration of food facilities.

We agree that it is important to establish the best possible protection from bioterrorism. However, Denmark attaches great importance to the mutual recognition of existing import and export systems. Even though trade should be protected against bioterrorism companies should be allowed to conduct their trade with a minimum of impediments and trade should not be distorted by technical barriers.

Today US Customs already receive information on all imports into the US, but we have noted that the US authorities will require a large amount of further information. We find it very important that the information required is kept at the lowest possible level and that procedures are made as simple as possible in order not to create unnecessary obstacles for trade patterns. Furthermore, procedures to handle this sensitive information should be safe.

Yours sincerely

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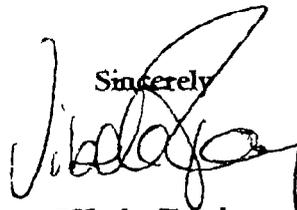
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The Royal Danish Embassy hereby has the pleasure to forward comments to the above-mentioned proposed rules from The Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries.

Sincerely



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