Date 19/12/2011.

Report on Trade Access Mission to The People's Republic of China 13-14 December 2011.

Persons present: [redacted]

1. **Summary:**

3.6 Pig meat: Discussed procedures to be completed so that exports of pig meat can start very soon (expectation is early in January 2012).

Meeting with CNCA[1]:

4.1.Pig meat: Discussed plant approvals and extension of the list of approved products. CNCA is very pleased with our system of reporting plant assessments to them and intends to ask other countries to use the same report format. It is expected that China will inform us by the end of the year about the procedures needed to export pigs' feet .

[1] CNCA: Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China.

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2. Action points:

Action points: Please note that:

- **Priority ratings and target dates are my suggestions and can be reviewed.**
- **All communications with China must be routed through or seen by [redacted] before they are sent.**

No.	Subject and paragraph number from detail.	Action	Priority	Target date	For
21	Pig meat. 3.6	Obtain information on data required from China and pass this on to AHVLA Carlisle.	High	asap	[redacted] DCMES
22	Pig meat. 3.6	Set up internal procedures to provide electronic pre-certification including informing OVs and amending NFG	High	Asap once China has responded	Meat and dairy products team at Carlisle
23	Pig meat. 3.6	Keep reminding China to complete their procedures to enable trade to start.	High	Every week.	DCMES
27	Pig meat. 4	Commend FSA for reporting system for plant approvals	High	Mid January 2012	[redacted]
28	Pig meat. 4	Remind [redacted] about The Wrexham cold store if no response by mid January	High	Mid January 2012	DCMES
29	Pig meat. 4	Inform plant with separate lines. Also advise FSA and DCMES of the response from the	High	Mid January 2012	[redacted]

		plant and the expected time of completion of the work to separate the lines.			
30	Pig meat. 4	Advise industry and FSA and discuss the possibility of more Chinese inspections when the plant with two lines is inspected. Do at next UKECP meeting	low	For next UKECP meeting	UKECP

3.6 Pig meat exports (14/12/11) [redacted] (?): [redacted] said that the list of approved plants had now been received from CNCA and that this will be processed 'soon'. He asked if we had sent them a list of OVs and their signatures – I assured him that this had been done; this was confirmed by [redacted] He said that there were two more things that they had to do:

- They have to circulate specimen copies of the EHC to their CIQ[2] offices in their ports. I provided 100 specimen copies of the EHC on 14/12/11 (they had mislaid the 50 copies that I gave them in June 2012).
- They need to set up e-mail addresses for us to provide electronic pre-certification of exports. [I provided our e-mail address on 20/12/11 – the mails will come from the meat and dairy products team at Carlisle]. [redacted] said that the China-UK system that we had been informed about before and had worked on with [redacted] is not yet set up. They will send us information on the data required, the format and the e-mail address to use. We agreed that we would provide the data on a weekly basis.

[redacted] (BPEX) commented that our industry had worked closely with Defra and FSA to ensure compliance with Chinese requirements and to ensure traceability.

Actions for paragraph 3.6:

No	Subject	Action	Priority	Timing	For
21	Pig meat	Obtain information on data required from China and pass this on to	High	asap	[redacted] DCMES

[2] China Inspection and Quarantine

		AHVLA Carlisle.			
22	Pig meat	Set up internal procedures to provide electronic pre-certification including informing OVs and amending NFG	High	Asap once China has responded	Meat and dairy products team at Carlisle
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4. Meeting with CNCA:

4.1. Pig meat (14/12/11): [redacted]

I asked if CNCA had all the information required for pig meat exports to commence. [redacted] confirmed this (the delay is now with AQSIQ (see 3.6 above)). He said that CNCA is happy with all our procedures indeed he asked if they could use our reporting system as a model for other countries to use. (This is clearly to our credit and FSA should be informed). I agreed and emphasised the need for close cooperation between the Competent Authority and industry to ensure that the system works.

[redacted] informed us that he is due to have a technical discussion with experts before Christmas on general guidance and requirements and that this will include conditions for exports of pigs' feet to China. He said when asked that they will respond on approval of the Wrexham cold store in the New Year.

We also discussed if an abattoir with separate pig and ruminant lines could be approved for export to China if sufficient complete separation is provided. He said that this would be possible in principle but that this would need to be inspected by Chinese officials. [redacted] will inform the plant involved and that if they do this it will be at their risk. If such an inspection talks place it is possible that the officials may take the opportunity to visit some of the other plants already approved for export to China. Industry and FSA need to be aware.

Actions for paragraph 4.1:

No	Subject	Action	Priority	Timing	For
27	Pig meat	Commend FSA for reporting	High	Mid January	[redacted]

		system for plant approvals		2012	
28	Pig meat	Remind [redacted] about The Wrexham cold store if no response by mid January	High	Mid January 2012	DCMES
29	Pig meat	Inform plant with separate lines. Also advise FSA and DCMES of the response from the plant and the expected time of completion of the work to separate the lines.	High	Mid January 2012	[redacted]
30	Pig meat	Advise industry and FSA and discuss the possibility of more Chinese inspections when the plant with two lines is inspected. Do at next UKECP meeting	low	For next UKECP meeting	UKECP

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