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Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of September 8th. Our Notice 27-21 implements the provision in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, that directs FSIS to reduce the costs of overtime inspection conducted during the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2030. However, by law, it applies only to fees borne by federally-inspected small establishments and very small establishments engaged in meat, poultry, or egg products processing subject to the requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.). Since inspection of the slaughter and processing of bison and other exotic animals is not covered by any of these Acts, and is provided by FSIS on a voluntary basis only under the Agricultural Marketing Act (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)), overtime inspection costs borne by Federally inspected small and very small bison establishments are not eligible for the fee reduction

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Michael".

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