NCAH PORTAL news **for CVB**

Changes are coming

A new version of the NCAH Portal will be deployed on the evening of Wednesday, October 28. The system will be unavailable from approximately 10pm Wednesday to 12am Thursday.

There are not many changes in this version, but a few of them may catch you off guard if you're not aware of them. Be sure to look at the list below and check out any associated User Guides so you know what to expect on Thursday morning.

NCAH Portal changes made in version 2.0.8

1. Submitters are not allowed to append documents to any submission type after submission to the CVB, until a child loop is opened by CVB. This change applies to APHIS 2049s as it is aligning the process for those with what is already in place for APHIS 2048s.

2. When a user in the NCAH Portal is creating an APHIS 2020 for sample submission the sample code field is now required when the Purpose = Resubmission. This applies to both routine and special test request submissions.

3. When a firm enters an APHIS 2008 in the NCAH Portal and selects one of these firm dispositions: Prelicense, Outline of Production Change, or Technology Transfer; they are now required to enter a Reviewer's name.
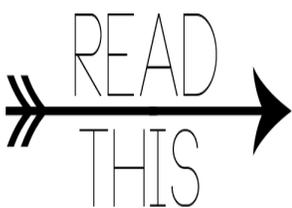
Updated User Guides

1. User Guide #5 - General Guide for Submission of Veterinary Biologics Production and Test Report

2. User Guide #6 - Submitting Routine Biologics Samples

3. User Guide #7 - Submitting Special Request Biologics Samples

4. User Guide #10 - General Guide for E-Submissions to CVB-Policy, Evaluation and Licensing

Important Notification

What is Happening: The NCAH Portal is part of an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) project where APHIS applications and databases are being migrated to a FedRamp Approved Government Cloud environment.

WHEN: The NCAH Portal production environment is scheduled to be migrated the evening of Friday, November 20, 2020.

IMPACT: There is a risk that the NCAH Portal may not be available or have full functionality the week of November 23-27, 2020.

REMINDER: A message will be placed on the NCAH Portal dashboard two weeks in advance as a reminder of this migration and risk to functionality.

Items MUST be retrieved from the NCAH Portal and saved within 60 calendar days after completion of the Mail Log Item. The NCAH Portal is designed to be a *transmission* tool, not a *retention* tool. This is a security feature in place to protect your confidential business information.

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