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Hello,

Recently we have had a few Australian packages sent to the genetic testing service be stopped by the CDC quarantine import station at the Miami, FL port. To minimize any packages being prohibited from entry in the United States, we have included a new Certification Statement of Non-Infectiousness (the second import form). If you are able to get a veterinarian sign-off for the health of your animals, that would be greatly appreciated, as it follows the guidelines CDC sent to us when the shipment was halted. We understand that many of our clients sample their animals at home and may not see a veterinarian before sending samples off, however, we felt the need to inform you that there is a possibility the package will be stopped without the statement of non-infectiousness. We apologize for any confusion or complications, we are just trying to accommodate international packages as best we can while still following import regulations. Thank you, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

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Dear valued customer,

The USDA and CDC have issued guidelines for importing canine material into the United States. To ensure timely delivery of your samples, we recommend following these instructions:

1. Two declaration statements have been included in this package. Please read over the declarations to ensure all of the statements are correct regarding your samples.
2. Sign and date the declaration statement. The second form will require sign-off from a veterinarian.
3. Place the statement into the envelope we have provided for you. Do not seal the envelope.
4. Indicate on the outside of the envelope that "Import Declaration for Canine Material are included in this envelope".
5. Attach the unsealed envelope to the outside of your package.

If you have any further questions regarding these recommendations, please contact us at cvm-cardiacgenetics@ncsu.edu.

Thank you,

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Import Declaration of Canine Material

In accordance with USDA Guideline 1102: Canine and Material:

This package contains _____(Number) **canine** buccal swabs and/or blood samples. (Please circle one)

The samples do not contain any other animal-derived material (i.e. do not contain any material originating from livestock or poultry).

The animals from which the material was derived were not inoculated with or exposed to any infectious agents of USDA agricultural concern.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Import Declaration of Canine and Material

Statement of Non-Infectiousness

In accordance with CDC 42 Code of Federal Regulation 71.54: Importer Certification Statement:

This package contains _____ (Number) **canine** buccal swabs/blood samples (Please Circle One)

These samples are not known or suspected to contain an infectious agent as each sample was collected from a healthy animal up-to-date on any required vaccinations

Medical history and examination indicate there is no reason to suspect the sampled animal(s) is/are carrying a disease transmissible to humans

Veterinarian (Print): _____ Date: _____

Veterinarian (Signature): _____ Date:_____

Sender (Print): _____ Date: _____

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