

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Between the State Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States of America on the Relevant Issue of the US Tobacco Exports to China**

Following discussions during the bilateral discussions in Fairbanks, Alaska, during the week of July 24-28 2000, representatives of the State Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (CIQ-SA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States of America (APHIS) have come to the following understanding on the subject of tobacco exports from the United States of America to the People's Republic of China:

1. By August 8, 2000, the United States will provide the requested information (see attached list) to assist in conducting a pest risk assessment to China and China will deliver information on its sampling procedures to the United States.
2. By August 2, 2000, an invitation will be made for a team of four Chinese experts to visit the tobacco production areas of the United States for the purpose of investigating US tobacco production, processing and storage. Every attempt will be made to begin the visit by August 25. The visit will be completed and the Chinese experts will return to China no later than September 15, 2000. The cost will be covered by US industry. The visit will be 20 days.
3. China will complete a pest risk assessment (PRA) by no later than October 15, 2000.
4. Following completion of the Chinese PRA, a protocol and work plan will be signed by representatives of the US and the PRC no later than November 15, 2000 followed by public notice of the approval of US tobacco no later than November 30, 2000.
5. CIQ will pre-inspect tobacco selected by a Chinese importer and the shipment will be certified by APHIS.

This Memorandum of Understanding is done in duplicate in Chinese and English. Both texts being equally authentic. This MOU is signed in Fairbanks, Alaska, USA on July 27, 2000.

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Administration of Entry-Exit  
Inspection and Quarantine of  
The People's Republic of China

Animal and Plant Health Inspection  
Service of the United States  
of America