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John Herath 00:00

Malaysia has emerged as a promising destination for U.S. pork exports. In the past Malaysia has maintained a cumbersome process for approving U.S. plants, but as U.S. Meat Export Federation, Director of Export services, Jim Remcheck explains, progress has been made in this area,

Jim Remcheck 00:16

Malaysia had requested to come do a physical audit of five pork facilities. They wanted a selection of five facilities to physically audit and then therefore, if all five pork plants passed the audit, any future pork plants wanting to be registered for Malaysia could do so via a paper application process and not have to post a physical audit in order to become registered. And then in early 2024, another facility attempted to get registered. We were just told on Monday that this approval came through, so we think that it's a harbinger of good things to come. FAS Kuala Lumpur also stated that now might be the right time to strike while the iron is hot and have more facilities submit applications. Ideally, we would love to have a systems-based approval for Malaysia and we wouldn't have to take part in this facility registration scheme that they have. But we will take this win because we are facing a lot of headwinds in terms of facility registrations all over the world.

John Herath 01:26

USMEF is also working to get more U.S. beef plants approved for Malaysia, but unfortunately this process is more difficult.

Jim Remcheck 01:34

Because there's no halal aspect to the pork approvals, we are in a scenario in which we can do this paper process. When it comes to approving a beef facility, not only does the Malaysia Department of Veterinary Services need to be involved in the physical audit, their halal authority does as well. So that makes things a lot more complicated for beef.

John Herath 01:56

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