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Mexico City, April 28, 2025

**Ms. Brooke Rollins**  
**Secretary**  
**Department of Agriculture**  
**United States of America**

Dear Secretary Rollins:

I write in reply to your letter dated today, regarding the New World Screwworm (NWS). I have taken notice of the three issues raised in your letter:

- Grant all APHIS funded aviation operations full clearance for at least 44 flights per week with adjustments as necessary and ensure operations can occur seven days a week, for as long as needed.
- Grant full import clearances and duty waivers for all NWS-related aircraft parts, sterile flies, and SIT equipment currently being provided by APHIS for the eradication campaign.
- Develop and disclose an aggressive timeline for the establishment of animal control points north of the secondary barrier. These points must intercept, treat and halt the movement of potentially infested livestock and collect epidemiological field data that is then shared with APHIS-

As it is in the interest of both of our countries, I am authorized to officially confirm to you that all aircraft participating in our joint NWS program, including those funded by APHIS, will have the authorizations requested in your letter, from the Federal Civil Aviation Agency (AFAC) and from the National Customs Agency (ANAM).

With respect to the third item in your letter, this is under direct responsibility of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development. I am enclosing all inspection, verification and cattle movement control points in Mexico, in charge of the Federal and State Governments. To this date, we have 17 control points of the federal government, and 51 under the responsibility of state governments. Of these, 62 are North of the secondary barrier. All of these points are operational and all control that any cattle originating in areas with NWS presence, have been treated by SENASICA and its agents. I confirm that all epidemiological information obtained will be shared with APHIS on a daily basis.

With this, I believe we have reached a full agreement, and we can continue implementing our joint New World Screwworm program. I also expect that Mexican exports of cattle to the United States under the existing protocol can continue uninterrupted.

Madam Secretary, I look forward to our meeting on May 6th. in Washington.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Julio Antonio Berdegué Sacristán**  
**Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development**