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The Honourable Gerry Ritz
Minister of Agriculture
781 Confederation Building
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Minister Ritz, *Gerry*

I am writing to you today on behalf of the horse producers in my riding. They have concerns surrounding a number of issues regarding the transportation of horses overseas that will affect the industry as a whole.

Their main issue surrounds the air transport of horses to Japan. CFIA has released new regulations surrounding the size and weight of crates as well as limiting transport to two horses per crate. Japanese importers have contacted several producers in my area and told them that if this is going to be normal operating procedure, they will no longer be bringing in animals from Canada as it will cost them enormous amounts of money in additional expenses.

I've attached a package of correspondence that I urge you to review. If you could respond to these producers directly and copy my office on your response, it would be very helpful.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards.

NEED TO KNOW ASAP.

- *CFIA POLICY CHANGE?*
- WHEN & BY WHOM?*
- *CFIA REVENUE?*
- *JAPAN DIRECTIVE?*
- *AIRLINE DIRECTIVE?*

Encl.

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