



### National Veterinary Medical Services Act CSREES Timeline

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| MAR 19, 2003        | NVMSA introduced to House by Rep. Chip Pickering (Mississippi)  |
| NOV 18, 2003        | NVMSA passed from House to Senate   |
| DEC 6, 2003         | Public Law 108-161 National Veterinary Medical Services Act signed by President   |
| DEC 2003 – NOV 2005 | No funds appropriated for NVMSA   |
| NOV 11, 2005        | FY 2006 CSREES NVMSA Appropriations \$495,000 (CR)  |
| NOV 17, 2005        | CSREES internal NVMSA meeting; CSREES NVMSA working group established   |
| NOV-DEC 2005        | CSREES NVMSA working group met regularly to share background information and develop possible program approaches  |
| DEC 1, 2005         | CSREES NVMSA working group developed key questions for OGC and sent them forth  |
| DEC 13, 2005        | NVMSA Information Sharing Meeting<br><u>Invited entities.</u> CSREES, APHIS, FSIS, ARS, REE, OBPA, HHS (National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program), DHS, Congressional Staff (Fitz Elder & Galen Fountain – Senate Ag Approp Comm), National Assoc of Fed Vets, AVMA, AAVMC, NASULGC |
| JAN 23, 2006        | OGC responded to CSREES NVMSA working group questions   |
| JAN-MAR 2006        | CSREES NVMSA working group continued to develop possible program implementation approaches  |
| FEB 21, 2006        | CSREES NVMSA working group drafted answers to NVMSA Q&As from the Secretary's hearing   |
| FEB 2006            | CSREES NVMSA working group responded to NVMSA House Questions   |
| MAR 2006            | CSREES NVMSA working group had several conference calls   |

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with FSIS regarding possible program implementation

MAR 2006 CSREES NVMSA working group drafted Decision Memo requesting that the Secretary delegate the authority for the loan repayment program to CSREES

APR 2006 CSREES NVMSA working group worked on improving implementation plan

MAY 10, 2006 CSREES, FSIS, and APHIS Administrators met to agree on implementation plan

MAY 22, 2006 CSREES NVMSA working group sent Decision Memo (with request for delegation to CSREES and implementation plan) to OGC for review

JUN 13, 2006 OGC responded to Decision Memo draft

JUN 21, 2006 OGC responded to Decision Memo received by CSREES NVMSA working group

JUL-AUG 2006 CSREES, FSIS, and APHIS Administrators signed the Decision Memo

AUG 7, 2006 Decision Memo (previously signed by CSREES, FSIS, and APHIS Administrators) was signed by 3 Undersecretaries and sent to the Office of the Secretary for signature

SEPT 22, 2006 Office of the Secretary responded to the Decision Memo

SEPT 29, 2006 CSREES NVMSA working group received Office of the Secretary's response to the Decision Memo

NOV 16, 2006 CSREES internal NVMSA Update Meeting – to discuss Office of the Secretary's response to the Decision Memo

DEC 1, 2006 NVMSA OHCM – HR Consultation Meeting to address Office of the Secretary's response to the Decision Memo  
Invited entities: CSREES (Program & HR), USDA Office of Human Capital Mgt, FSIS (Program & HR), APHIS (Program & HR)

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DEC 11, 2006 NVMSA Update Meeting to address Office of the Secretary's response to the Decision Memo  
*Invited entities.* Representatives from: CSREES, APHIS, FSIS, REE, FS, MRP, ASA/DA, CFO, OGC, OBPA, DA/OHCM, CR/Outreach

DEC 2006 OGC cleared the revisions to Delegations of Authority (Final Rule) for legal sufficiency

DEC 2006 CSREES NVMSA working group sent the Regulatory Review Work Plan for the Final Rule to the REE Undersecretary and OBPA (who obtains OMB designation of regulatory actions)

JAN 12 2007 OBPA told CSREES the NVMSA Work Plan and Final Rule do not need to be cleared through OBPA/OMB as they are internal departmental decisions

FEB 2007 Final Rule returned to the Undersecretary by the Office of the Secretary because it needed OBPA/OMB clearance

FEB-MAR 2007 CSREES NVMSA working group drafted several responses to CSREES Administrator emails and controlled correspondences regarding NVMSA

FEB-MAR 2007 Final Rule cleared through OBPA/OMB

MAR 12, 2007 The Secretary signed the Final Rule and CSREES was given the authority to implement NVMSA

MAR 19, 2007 The Rules and Regulations section of the Federal Register published the Final Rule revising the delegation for NVMSA (Vol. 72, No. 52, Pg. 12701)  
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-1308.htm>

MAR 2007 Proposed implementation plan under final review

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