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RE: Perimeter fence variance request for camel enclosure: 84-R-0003

Dear Dr. Rudolph:

Your letter requesting a variance to the perimeter fence requirement for your facility's camel enclosure dated July 27, 2016 was received on September 13, 2016. We apologize for the delay in response but apparently this letter was misrouted. We understand from your letter that:

1. There is limited personnel traffic in the area.
2. The camels are docile.
3. There is shade and a visual barrier from trees along one portion of the enclosure. In addition, a ravine acts as a natural barrier along a section of the enclosed pasture boundary.
4. The camel enclosure is constructed of ten foot high fencing with lockable gates.
5. The fence is checked weekly for structural integrity and repaired promptly when needed

Your request for the variance under 9 CFR § 3.127(d) has been reviewed by this office and discussed with your inspector. Your request is approved provided that:

1. The structural integrity of all primary enclosures and any existing secondary fencing and gates are maintained.
2. All existing security measures described above and in your letter are maintained.
3. The ravine is deemed to be non-hazardous for the camels.

This variance is approved only for camels at the current site and enclosure described in your request. Please also be advised that this variance will be periodically reviewed and may be rescinded if APHIS determines the basis for this approval is no longer valid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (919) 855-7100.

Sincerely,

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