Organisms in Trade: Disease and Pathogens

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As organisms are moved in trade, so too are their diseases. The consequences of disease introductions are rarely realized until an outbreak occurs and nearly impossible to trace back to the source. Several high profile disease introductions believed to be introduced from organisms in trade will be discussed. Lessons learned from these examples will identify gaps in current prevention programs and provide opportunities for future management.