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Exemption to Graduation Requirements for Selected International Trade Shows

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has determined that certain approved international trade show activities in foreign countries may be **exempt** from the graduation requirements stated in 7 CFR 1485.14(d)(2). The **exemption** to the graduation requirement applies to international trade shows which are:

1. 1. A food or agricultural show, with no less than 30 percent of exhibitors selling food or other agricultural products;
2. 2. A regional show, meaning that it targets buyers, distributors and the like from more than one foreign country; and
3. 3. An international show, with no less than 15 percent of its visitors from countries other than the host country.

FAS will **not** consider participation in these types of trade shows when determining the graduation date for a company in a particular country. The final determination for eligibility for international trade shows not listed below will be made by FAS on a per case basis. This policy will remain in effect through the 2009 MAP year.

The exemption applies to the following international shows:

ANUGA Cologne
BETA International (Equestrian)
BioFach
European Seafood Exposition
Food & Hotel Asia
Fiera Cavelli (Equestrian)
Fish International
Food Ingredients Asia
Food Ingredients Europe
Food Ingredients South America
FOODEX Japan
Fruit Logistica
Gulfood
HOFEX
IFIA Japan (Food Ingredients)
Interzoo
IPM (horticultural)
ISM Cologne
London International Wine and Spirits Fair
Prowein
SIAL Mercosur
SIAL Paris
Vinexpo Asia
Vinexpo Bordeaux
VinItaly
Zoomark