U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOAN PATRICIA PLANTE <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SAFETY & INSPECTION SERVICE, IMPORT FIELD OFFICE, Boston, MA

Docket No. 01-699; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 25, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant's claim for an emotional condition is barred by the applicable time limitation provisions of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated July 3, 2000 and finalized on July 5, 2000 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated July 3, 2000 and finalized on July 5, 2000 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC February 25, 2002

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

David S. Gerson Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member