

RENDERED MEAT AND BONE MEAL TO MEXICO

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Effective January 1, 1998, meat and bone meal exported from the United States to Mexico must be accompanied by an export document (VS 16-4) with the following certification statement:

"The rendered meat and/or bone meal contains no ovine material."

This certification is required for only meat and bone meal. Tallow and other by-products are exempt from this requirement. You are not required to inspect the particular rendering facility, however, the renderers should be aware that in the event that Mexican officials request it, rendering plants may be inspected by Veterinary Services.

Companies that cannot comply with the certification statement may still be able to export if they can declare that the meat and/or bone meal was rendered at 133 degrees C, 3 atmospheres pressure, for at least 20 minutes.