

## **India**

### **Certification Requirements for Treated Hides & Skins**

The following certification statements, as applicable, should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 for the exportation of cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, horse or camel hides and skins to India. These statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit from the exporter. Although these statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit, the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Area Office may require additional documentation or a facility inspection, as deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [name of exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The hides and skins were derived from animals originating from establishments not under official quarantine for anthrax.
2. The animals from which the hides and skins were derived showed no signs of anthrax during ante and postmortem inspections.
3. Sheep and Goat hides and skins come from a zone free of sheep pox and goat pox (delete as appropriate).
4. The hides and skins were processed by one of the following methods:
  - a. Chemical treatment/liming in alkaline solutions maintained at pH 11.5 or above for at least 12 hours/acid solution (100 kg salt Sodium Chloride – NaCl and 12 kg acid per 1,000 liters water) maintained at below pH 3.0 for at least 8 hours, OR
  - b. Treated for at least 28 days (may include time of voyage) with salt (sodium chloride) containing, 2% sodium carbonate.
5. Precautions were taken to prevent the contamination of the treated hides and skins with pathogenic agents following processing.
6. After treatment the hides and skins were packaged in new, clean packing materials. Precautions were taken to prevent the contamination of the packaging materials with pathogenic agents.