Hair (including Wool and Fur)

Finished fur-origin apparel (e.g. coats or mufflers): No APHIS certification is required for finished products such as these. Exporters with questions about whether or not a product is considered "finished" can have their importer present a photo to the Japanese port authorities at the intended port of entry into Japan for confirmation. APHIS does not provide certification for finished products such as fur coats or mufflers to Japan.

Unfinished hair/wool/fur from ungulates (including horses), rabbits, and dogs:

The following (blue) text is the exact text that should be included in the "Additional Declarations" space on the VS Form 16-4:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [*insert name of company here*] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true.

The materials described below were produced under sanitary conditions and derived from clinically healthy animals.

If the hair/wool/fur has been treated, the following statement should also be added:

The materials have been *[insert description of any processing or packaging- the processing should detail any relevant parameters such as times and temperatures (if heated) or concentrations (if treated with chemicals). Do not add any additional statements or information.*]

Note: Japan may require disinfection prior to release from the port regardless of the treatment parameters noted. Exporters should have their importers confirm with the port of entry into Japan prior to shipment whether disinfection will be required in Japan.

Note: Affidavit-based certification must be provided by individuals with first-hand knowledge of the statements. The required certifications cannot be made for materials where clinical health was not confirmed prior to collection.

Unfinished hair/fur from animals other than ungulates/rabbits/dogs:

No APHIS certification is required or available for these materials. The Japanese port inspectors will check the commercial invoice to confirm the species of origin.