## **Export to Korea: Porcine Spray Dried Blood**

## **Approval to Export**

U.S. origin porcine blood is <u>prohibited</u> entry into Korea unless the manufacturing facility has been approved by the Korean government, as well as the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS). APHIS/VS will only endorse export certificates for companies officially listed in the APHIS/VS database of approved facilities for Korea.

<u>NOTE</u>: Previously, companies were able to obtain approval from Korea without an official audit by Korean government officials or an official inspection by APHIS/VS. As of 2013, U.S. companies seeking approval to export porcine spray dried blood to Korea must be inspected by both Korea and APHIS/VS.

All porcine spray dried blood facilities approved by Korea and listed in the APHIS VS official database, should hold an APHIS number and be inspected by APHIS on an annual basis. The inspection requirements for other countries (i.e., Taiwan, Japan) will meet Korea's requirements. For facilities not approved for other countries, an inspection checklist for Korea is available to the VS field offices. This inspection checklist can be used for initial and subsequent inspections by APHIS/VS.

Companies/facilities <u>not</u> currently listed by APHIS/VS as eligible to export porcine spray dried blood to Korea should work with their Korean importer(s) to arrange for an official audit by Korea. The requisite inspection by APHIS/VS can occur before or after the audit by Korean officials. Interested exporters may contact the APHIS VS National Import Export Services (NIES) at 301-851-3300, Option 4, for additional information.

## **Certification Requirements**

APHIS does not have a bilateral agreement with Korea for porcine spray dried blood. Based on Korea's inspection criteria, however, we believe that the following certification statements are required on the VS 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products. As always, the exporter must have their importer confirm, prior to shipment, that the issued certificate will be acceptable to the Korean authorities. <u>NOTE</u>: Export certificates for animal products to Korea must be endorsed (dated) PRIOR to the date of shipment. If the export certificate is dated after the date the product is shipped, Korea will reject the shipment. Please note the other general instructions for export certificates to Korea as posted on the Korea home page of the International Animal Product Regulations.

The following statements (without the parentheticals) should appear in the "Additional Declarations" section of the VS 16-4. The statements following the notarized affidavit line must be supported by a current notarized affidavit provided by the manufacturer.

"The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease and classical swine fever (feral swine excepted) for 12 months; swine vesicular disease, rinderpest, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia for 24 months; peste des petits ruminants, lumpy skin disease, sheep pox and African swine fever for 3 years; and Rift Valley fever for 4 years prior to export. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in the United States.

Certified materials do not contain protein derived from ruminants.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer, verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The products for export were derived from animals born and raised in the United States or Canada or that were resident in the United States for at least 3 months.

The products for export contain animal origin ingredients derived from animals that were slaughtered in slaughterhouses which were approved by the government of the exporting country and from animals that passed ante mortem examination and were presented for post mortem inspection by government authorities of the exporting country.

The animal products for export were processed, stored, and transported in such a manner as to prevent contamination by communicable animal disease pathogens.

The products for export were not commingled with any other animal origin materials."