

Export to Mexico of Bovine Hydrolyzed Proteins (Gelatin and Collagen) Intended for Human Consumption or Pharmaceutical Industry

Bovine hydrolyzed proteins for export to Mexico covered by this note include collagen and gelatin intended for use in food or pharmaceutical industries and may be derived from skins and hides or from bovine bones. Bulk granular powder preparations or gelatin capsules for pharmaceutical uses are generally packed in bags or barrels.

SENASICA Mexico requires certain traceability information for animal products offered for importation. For gelatins and collagens intended for human consumption or for use in the pharmaceutical industry, the export certificate should present the product lot number in the identification block.

Bovine hydrolyzed proteins must be accompanied by an animal health certificate in English and Spanish issued by the Official Veterinary Service of the exporting country. The following certification statements should be provided in the Additional Declarations section of the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A as needed. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [name of company] verifying the accuracy of the statements below: / *Esta oficina tiene una declaración notariada de (nombre de la compañía) verificando la autenticidad de las siguientes declaraciones:*

1. The product originated in the United States. / *El producto es originario de los Estados Unidos.*
2. The product was derived from healthy animals subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection, and slaughtered in an establishment under official sanitary controls. / *El producto fue obtenido de animales sanos inspeccionados ante y postmortem y sacrificados en un establecimiento bajo control oficial.*
3. The product was processed and stored in an establishment under official sanitary controls. / *El producto fue procesado y almacenado en un establecimiento bajo control sanitario oficial.*
4. The product is intended for human consumption. / *El producto está destinado al consumo humano.*
5. Animal origin ingredients used in the preparation of the product originated from the United States or were imported legally. / *La materia prima utilizada en la elaboración del producto es originaria de los Estados Unidos o fue importada legalmente.*

Include Statement 6 for bovine gelatin or collagen derived from skins and hides. (*Incluye número 6 para el caso de gelatina y/o colágeno de origen de pieles y cueros.*)

6. The protein (collagen and gelatin) derives exclusively from bovine skins and hides. / *La proteína (gelatina y/o colágeno) procede exclusivamente de pieles y cueros de bovino.*

Include Statements 7-10 for bovine bone-derived gelatin or collagen. (*Incluye números 7-10 para el caso de gelatina y/o colágeno de origen de hueso bovino.*)

7. The country of origin is classified by the OIE as a country of negligible or controlled BSE risk. / *El país de origen está clasificado como de riesgo insignificante o controlado por la Organización Mundial de Salud Animal (OIE) con respecto a Encefalopatía Espongiforme Bovina (EEB).*

8. The animals from which the product is derived were not stunned before slaughtering by means of compressed air or gas injection in the cranial cavity or cutting of the spinal cord (by laceration of the central nervous tissue by means of introducing a sharp cutting instrument into the cranial cavity). / *Los animales de los que se obtuvo el producto no fueron aturdidos para su sacrificio mediante inyección de aire o gas comprimido en la cavidad craneana o por corte de médula espinal (por laceración del tejido nervioso central, mediante la introducción en la cavidad craneana de un instrumento punzo cortante).*

9. In the preparation of the product, vertebral columns of animals 30 months of age and older and the skulls of animals of any age were excluded. / *En la elaboración del producto no se han utilizado las columnas vertebrales de bovinos mayores de 30 meses ni los cráneos de animales de cualquier edad.*

10. The bones used to prepare the product have been subjected to a process which includes all of the following steps: / *Los huesos utilizados en la elaboración del producto, fueron sometidos a un tratamiento que incluye todas las siguientes etapas:*

- i. Pressure washing (degreasing), / *Lavado a presión (desengrasado),*
- ii. Acid demineralization, / *Demineralización ácida,*
- iii. Alkaline or acidic treatment, / *Tratamiento alcalino o ácido,*
- iv. Filtration, and / *Filtración y*
- v. Sterilization at a temperature of at least 138 C for a minimum of 4 seconds. / *Esterilización a una temperatura mínimo de 138 C por mínimo 4 segundos.*

11. The product was stored and packed in manner to avoid contamination with materials that were not subjected to the treatments included above. / *El producto fue almacenado y empacado de tal manera para evitar la contaminación cruzada con materiales que no fueron sometidos al tratamiento antes descrito.*