

## Reptile Hides and Skins for Export to Mexico

The bilingual certification statements below are for reptile hides and skins (green, fresh or salted) intended for further processing and 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.

Please note that SENASICA Mexico requires that wet materials must be salted prior to import and then packaged in a manner that prevents leakage, specifically requesting that the container be plastic and have a sealable top.

Please note that SENASICA has implemented a quality requirement pertaining to fumigation or other treatment against fly larvae. Evidence of treatment should be presented at the time of importation and must give the product name and dose used. In the event that a shipment is found to need treatment, exporters may arrange with their importers for this treatment, which will be done in Mexico.

Certification statements on a VS Form 16-4:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements: / *Esta oficina cuenta en su expediente con una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la exactitud de las siguientes declaraciones:*

1. The product originates from the United States of America. / *La mercancía es originaria del país señalado en este documento como de origen.*
2. The skins derived from animals that were not slaughtered to eradicate animal disease epidemics. / *Las pieles se han obtenido a partir de animales que no han sido sacrificados para erradicar epidemias.*
3. Prior to export the hides/skins were brined in a marine salt solution containing two percent (2%) sodium carbonate or equivalent for at least 16 hours at a temperature between 15°C and 21°C. / *Previo a su exportación, las pieles se sometieron a un proceso de salado en una solución de sal marina que contenga un 2% de carbonato de sodio o equivalente, por al menos 16 horas, a temperatura entre 15°C y 21°C.*  
Or / O bien,
3. Prior to export the hides/skins were dry salted with marine salt containing two percent (2%) sodium carbonate or equivalent for seven days. / *Previo a su exportación, las pieles fueron sometidas a un proceso de salado en seco con sal marina que contenga un 2% de carbonato de sodio o equivalente, por 7 días.*
4. After treatment, the skins were handled in a manner to avoid contamination with other products of animals origin. / *Después del tratamiento y las pieles se manejaron de forma tal que se evitó la contaminación con otros productos de origen animal de menos condición zoonitaria.*