

## Poultry Feathers to Taiwan

The following requirements have been established for poultry feathers exported to Taiwan. In addition to U.S. origin feathers, feathers that have been legally imported from a third country and further processed within the U.S. prior to export are also eligible for import into Taiwan.

These requirements and the ensuing agreed-upon certification statements vary depending on the State of origin of the birds from which the feathers originate, or if the feathers were legally imported, the State in which the feathers were processed.

Exporters should have their importers in Taiwan confirm prior to shipment that the shipment and documentation meet all Taiwanese requirements for entry.

### General Instructions for Exporters

1. Use the fillable VS Form 16-4 “Export Certificate for Animal Products,” which can be accessed through the [home page](#) of the International Animal Product Export Regulations (IREGs).
2. Prepare a notarized affidavit with the required certification statements listed under the notarized affidavit line in the “Export Certification Requirements” below. If assistance is needed in preparing a properly notarized affidavit, please work with the [local VS Service Center](#) that will be endorsing the export certificate(s).
3. Complete all applicable sections of the VS Form 16-4, including product description (feathers). Please see general instructions on the home page of the IREGs. If further assistance is needed, please contact the local VS Service Center.

### Export Certification Requirements

#### **Feathers sourced from birds from, or if legally imported, processed in State(s) recognized by Taiwan as free of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease (ND)**

The products must be transported in a closed shipping container or other type of clean container. If products are transshipped through a third country (or area) not free of HPAI or ND, the products shall be transported with a container and the container should be sealed with a numbered seal. The integrity of the container and the seal should not be compromised during importation.

A properly endorsed VS Form 16-4 (in English) shall accompany each consignment and shall include the following:

- A. The name and address of the importer and exporter.
- B. The product name, species of origin, quantity of packages, and weight of products should appear in the “Product” box of this form.
- C. Date, location and authority issuing the certificate and the name and signature of the endorsing veterinary officer.
- D. The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4. These statements must not be modified except as noted.

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

1. The following state(s) has/have been identified as the state(s) of origin of the birds from which the feathers originate, or for feathers legally imported, the state(s) in which the

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processing occurs: *[insert names of states where bird or flocks of origin are located or, if legally imported, the state(s) in which the processing occurs]*

2. The above referenced state(s) has/have been recognized by the Council of Agriculture (COA) [as listed on the List of Infectious Animal Diseases-free and infected Countries (Zones) Promulgated by COA] as free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease as defined by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

### **Feathers sourced from birds from, or if legally imported, processed in State(s) NOT recognized by Taiwan as free of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease (ND)**

Products must be transported with a container and the container should be sealed with a numbered seal. The integrity of the container and the seal should not be compromised during importation.

A properly endorsed VS Form 16-4 (in English) shall accompany each consignment and shall include the following:

- A. The name and address of the importer and exporter.
- B. The product name, species of origin, quantity of packages, and weight of products should appear in the “Product” box of this form.

**NOTE:** The product section of the VS Form 16-4 should also include the date(s) of processing in <day/month/year> format. Ultimately, this section should appear as:

Feathers *[include quantity, weight, and species of origin]*; Date(s) of processing: *[insert date(s) of processing in <day/month/year> format]*

- C. Date, location and authority issuing the certificate and the name and signature of the endorsing veterinary officer.
- D. The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4. These statements must not be modified except as noted.

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

1. The following state(s) has/have been identified as the state(s) of origin of the birds from which the feathers originate, or for feathers legally imported, the state(s) in which the processing occurs: *[insert names of states where bird or flocks of origin are located or, if legally imported, the state(s) in which the processing occurs]*
2. The feathers have been processed according to the following parameters *[insert only one of the following options]*: [washed and steam-dried at 100°C for 30 minutes] [fumigation with formalin (10% formaldehyde) for 8 hours] [irradiation with a dose of 20 kilogray] [any treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate the avian influenza virus by the World Organization for Animal Health] [any treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate the Newcastle disease virus by the World Organization for Animal Health]. After this processing, the processed feathers have been packaged and handled in a way to prevent contact with other feathers or animal-origin materials that have not yet been subjected to this processing.