APHIS VS Non-permitting of Low Risk and Exempted Animal Origin Ingredients and Products

**Introduction:** Use this List as a guide for commodities or animal ingredients that no longer require a Veterinary Services (VS) import permit but can enter the United States under the applicable Guideline OR with an original health certificate signed by an official veterinarian representing the animal health authority of the exporting country (original certification), an invoice, manufacturer statement, ingredient list, commercial label and/or bill of lading. These documents must clearly correspond to the incoming shipment by means of an invoice number, or shipping marks or lot number or other identification method. All documents must either be in English or include an official English translation.

**The Following Commodities Do Not Require a Veterinary Services Import Permit**

These products can enter the U.S. under the applicable Guideline OR with an official certificate of origin, bill of lading, invoice, label or document on official letterhead prepared by the manufacturer, shipper, or seller confirming species of origin.

- **Bulk Gelatin:** – human and animal consumption derived from:
  - Fish and any marine species

- **Gelatin for Industrial Use (Not for animal or human consumption)**
  - Technical glue
  - Animal glue
  - Film

- **Inedible Avian schmaltz and schmaltz derivatives (Avian fats)**

- **Suture material derived from intestines including string “cat gut” for tennis rackets commercially labeled in final packaging**

- **Milk Products commercially labeled and presented in final finished packaging requiring no further manipulation of the product:**
  - Dry milk products containing vitamin D3
  - Dry milk as a fixative/binder
  - Condensed evaporated milk without sugar
• Milk Products commercially labeled and presented in final finished packaging requiring no further manipulation of the product (cont.):

- Canadian origin fresh non shelf stable milk and milk products
- Cultured milk products (including but not limited to yogurt, kefir, sour cream, curds)
- Candy and confectionary with dry milk ingredients
- Formulation (liquid or dry) containing dry milk ingredients
- Shelf stable products with liquid or dry milk ingredients in commercially labeled, hermetically sealed containers
- Seasonings and seasoning mixes containing dry milk and/or eggs that are commercially labeled
- Fully baked bread made with liquid milk as the only animal origin ingredient (for example: Naan bread)
- Bulk and final finished packaged products for human and animal consumption including but not limited to pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, dietary/nutritional supplements, culture media, medical devices, placebos, and investigational pharmaceuticals that contain lactose (milk sugar) and the following lactose derivatives, galactose and lactulose, as the ONLY animal origin ingredient.

• Dairy Products (other than milk) for human consumption:

- Butter and butter oil (already exempted by regulation)
- Pasteurized cheese and/or solid (hard/soft) unpasteurized processed (no liquid exempt brine) cheese

• Egg Products:

- Baked goods containing eggs (excluding moon cakes), drink mixes, egg protein shampoos, mayonnaise, dry plain pasta, dry plain noodles, salad dressings, sauces (shelf stable or dried), pancake mixes, and cake mixes (containing egg or milk).

• Egg Products used for Biologics:

- Egg phospholipid, with or without fish oil/fish oil derivatives
- Egg lecithin, with or without fish oil/fish oil derivatives

• Marine-origin material:

- Chondroitin, glucosamine, fish powder (except processed animal proteins such as fish meal)
• **Products with Animal Origin Ingredients:**

- Butter and butter oil
- Candy
- Cheese with no liquid (including curd cheese) with or without rennet
- Condensed milk or evaporated milk that does not contain sugar or sugar derivative
- Drinks with gelatin
- Food product ready for human consumption containing or cooked-in edible tallow/lard
- Inedible lard and inedible lard derivatives
- Photographic Film (gelatin)
- Gelatin desserts (Royal and Jell-o)
- Gelatin based Gummy vitamins with or without vitamin D3
- Jams
- Jellies
- Marshmallows
- Marine-origin material including but not limited to chondroitin, glucosamine, fish powder (except processed animal proteins such as fish meal)
- Mayonnaise, sauces containing eggs
- Pudding
- Sherbet (powdered form, dry mix not frozen)

**The Following Commodities Require Government Certification**

These following products can enter the U.S. under 9 Code of Federal Regulations Part 94.23 and/or 94.26 and/or 95.7 and with an original government certificate endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer from the national government of the exporting region.

• **Gelatin derived from:**

- Avian
- Bovine
- Equine
- Porcine

• **Gelatin capsules containing:**

- Lactose and lactose derivatives
- Vitamin D3 Fish oil and any other marine species (excluding fish meals, hydrolysates etc.)
- Krill oil
- Bovine tallow
- Bovine tallow derivatives (for example; mg stearate or stearic acid)
- Beeswax
- Royal jelly

• **Collagen**

- Bovine