

## **Processed Blood Products (Other than those Originating from Birds) for Technical Purposes**

The government of Japan (MAFF) has notified APHIS that the only animal health certification required for the import of processed blood products (other than those originating from birds), e.g., thrombin, is a VS Form 16-4 with the following additional declarations:

*“This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true.*

*The product has been produced under sanitary conditions.  
The products were derived from clinically healthy animals.”*

Additional statements should not be included on the VS Form 16-4. If products were derived from animals that passed ante-mortem examination, then the statement regarding clinical health may be made on a VS Form 16-4.

Exporters should be advised that their importers should contact Japanese port officials prior to shipment to confirm that all necessary documents are available and that the product will be allowed entry.

This article does not refer to products for animal feed.

**At this time, blood products for animal feeding are prohibited import into Japan. The only exception is spray dried porcine blood produced under the Porcine Origin Verification Program-Japan (POVP-J). For more information on the POVP-J, please go back to the general Japan page and see the separate article.**