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Export Animal Products to Japan

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Alerts

Restrictions: [Important information regarding trade bans and other outbreak-related restrictions on various products](#) (5.64 MB) - June 2026

"Animal-Origin" References as Related to Vitamins, Minerals, and Amino Acids: [Special Requirements for Japan](#) (81.36 KB) - August 2020

Alert Regarding Mailing Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.): [Important information regarding animal-origin materials shipped via carrier services](#) (48.37 KB)
- March 2012

Prior to shipment, exporters should have their importers confirm with the Japanese animal quarantine office (Animal Quarantine Service) at the port of entry that all necessary paperwork is in order.

Affidavit-Based Certificates: [Important Information for Affidavit-Based Declarations on Certificates for Exports to Japan](#) (147.88 KB) - November 2009

When a consignment is on hold in Japan

[Steps to follow](#) (includes contact information for Japanese Animal Quarantine Service offices) - December 2015

The below articles (other than the “ [Cervid products](#) including deer, elk, caribou and moose products” article) **do not apply** to cervid-origin products.

[Commodities not listed below](#) or When there is Doubt Which Certification Requirements Apply - September 2012

Commodity Specific Information

[Animal fats including tallow and lard](#) (but not including fish oil) - June 2007

[Blood products](#) (originating from animals other than birds) exported for technical purposes other than animal feeding - January 2018

[Blood products](#) (originating from birds) - September 2023

Blood-porcine blood (spray-dried) intended for animal feeding

- [General information](#) - April 2023
- [VS Form 16-4](#) (partially prepared) for use when page 2 is not needed - April 2023
- [VS Form 16-4 with VS Form 16-4A](#) (partially prepared) for use when page 2 is needed - April 2023

[Casings \(bovine\)](#) - August 2015

[Cervid products](#) including deer, elk, caribou and moose products - June 2011

Chicken meat powder (spray-dried) for the manufacture of pet food [**See Poultry meat powder (spray-dried) for the manufacture of pet food**]

[Collagen powder](#) (poultry-origin) - October 2009

Dairy products - intended for human consumption

- [General information](#) - July 2025
- [Certificate](#) - March 2025

Note: The manufacturer's declaration must list the actual country/ies where the milk was produced, package, and/or stored

Dairy products for animal consumption (not including retort processed or extruded pet food/treats) containing no animal origin ingredients other than those of dairy-origin

- [General information](#) - July 2025
- [Certificate](#) - March 2025

Note: The manufacturer's declaration must list the actual country/ies where the milk was produced, package, and/or stored

Dairy products for animal consumption (not including retort processed or extruded pet food/treats) containing dairy plus other animal origin ingredients

- [General information](#) - July 2025
- [Certificate](#) - March 2025

Note: The manufacturer's declaration must list the actual country/ies where the milk was produced, package, and/or stored

Dairy products for purposes other than human or animal consumption

- [General information](#) - July 2025
- [Certificate](#) - March 2025

Note: The manufacturer's declaration must list the actual country/ies where the milk was produced, package, and/or stored

[Diagnostic Test Kits & Reagents](#) Derived from Bovine Brain - March 2019

[Dicalcium phosphate](#) (animal origin) - January 2006

Egg Powder intended for animal consumption

- [Option One](#) - use this option when the Japanese importer has not verified with the port of entry into Japan that heat processing certification is adequate to remove requirement for avian influenza certification. - September 2023 (pdf 191kb)

- [Certificate](#) for Option One - September 2023
- [Option Two](#) - use this option when the Japanese importer has verified with the port of entry into Japan that heat processing certification is adequate to remove requirement for avian influenza certification. - September 2023 (pdf 124kb)

Egg products for technical research purposes (does not include products for consumption nor egg shells for ornamental purposes)

- [General information](#) - September 2023
- [Certificate](#) for products that are not "highly purified" - September 2023

Egg shells - blown (not disinfected) egg shells intended for ornamental purposes

- [General information](#) - September 2023
- [Certificate](#) - September 2023

[Egg shells](#) - blown (disinfected) egg shells intended for ornamental purposes - September 2023

[Feathers](#) - September 2023

[Feeds and supplements \(for animals\) - NOT of Animal-Origin](#) - May 2025

[Feeds and supplements \(for animals other than horses\)](#) containing no animal origin ingredients other than gelatin, vitamin D3, dicalcium phosphate, milk products, and/or animal fat (other than bovine fat) - [For information on pet foods and treats, see [Pet food, chews, and treats](#)] (animal-origin) - June 2020

[Feeds and supplements for horses](#) - May 2023

[Fish oil](#) - June 2007

[Fishmeal](#) - May 2023

[Game trophies](#) (finished) - April 2008

[Gel bone](#) (bovine derived) intended for the production of gelatin/collagen for food use - May 2023

[Gel bone](#) (bovine derived) intended for the production of gelatin/collagen for pharmaceutical use - May 2023

[Gelatin and collagen](#) for purposes other than human consumption (bovine derived) - May 2023

[Gelatin and collagen](#) for purposes other than human consumption (swine derived) - May 2023

[Gelatin for human consumption](#) (bovine derived) - August 2015

[Gelatin for human consumption](#) (swine derived) - May 2023

[Hair \(including fur and wool\)](#) - April 2013

[Hides](#) (fresh/frozen/refrigerated) - April 2015

[Hides](#) (treated) - April 2015

[Pet food, chews, and treats](#) (animal-origin)

[Placentas for commercial purposes](#) (including pharmaceutical and cosmetic purposes) - May 2010

[Poultry based fertilizer](#) - June 2005

Poultry meat/powder for the manufacture of pet food

- [General information](#) - September 2023
- [VS Form 16-4 sample](#) - September 2023
- [Additional certificate](#) pages required for product also containing dairy ingredients - July 2018

[Processed animal products](#) (e.g. bovine brain acetone powder) for research purposes - November 2009

[Processed animal proteins for use in animal feed and pet food](#) - PROHIBITED (exceptions apply) - August 2011

[Rodent carcasses \(Ethanol or Formalin Fixed\)](#) - February 2026

Rodent carcasses (not including samples for research)

- [General Information](#) including approval process and the "CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR FRESH OR FROZEN RODENT CARCASSES TO JAPAN FOR

PURPOSES OTHER THAN RESEARCH - October 2010

- The following alternative certificate which does not generally require APHIS inspection may be available to certain facilities. Exporters who think they may qualify for it should have their importers contact the relevant MHLW's Quarantine Station through which the consignment will enter Japan to see if the below certificate would be accepted:
 - [Veterinary Certificate](#) for rodent carcasses from "Special" facilities - January 2020
 - [Veterinary Certificate](#) for rodent carcasses to Japan (APHIS can only endorse for facilities with required approval noted in APHIS internal database) - October 2010

Trophies (See **Game trophies**)

Wool - See **Hair (including fur and wool)**

Need Help Exporting Animal Products?

Certificate Endorsement

Contact APHIS Veterinary Services' Product Certificate Team for animal product export certificate endorsement or questions.

Product Certificate Team

Email: vspsok@usda.gov

Facility Inspections or Packages

Contact APHIS Veterinary Services' Facility Packages Team for animal product export facility inspection requests, packages, or questions.

Facility Packages Team

Email: vs.export.product.facilities@usda.gov

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