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Export Animal Products to South Africa

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[Important information regarding trade bans and other restrictions](#) (227.41 KB) - March 2026

South Africa has notified APHIS that they will not accept VS Form 16-4. Certificates for animal products exported to South Africa should be issued on letterhead.

South Africa develops very specific import requirements for each shipment of a product coming from a particular manufacturer. The AVIC endorsing a health certificate for a shipment going to South Africa should ask for a copy of the import permit to ensure that all the requirements have been met. ***The AVIC endorsing the certificate must also confirm shipment dates prior to certificate endorsement, as South Africa requires endorsement dates to precede shipment dates.*** Each import permit is good only for one shipment. The following certificates should be valid for the products listed below, regardless of manufacturer. However, it is still a good idea to check the import permit.

Commodity Specific Information

[Ban - Epidemic Diarrhea Virus \(PEDV\)](#) (57.98 KB) - April 2014

[Bile Salts for Pharmaceutical Use](#) (89.4 KB) - September 2005

[Caseine, Caseinate or Milk-Protein](#) (31.98 KB) for Human Consumption Derived from Milk Products Imported from FMD Infected Countries - September 2007

Feathers & Down (raw & processed)

[Guidance:](#) (20.08 KB) Veterinary Certificate for the export of Feathers and Finished Products containing Feathers From the United States to South Africa - May 2011

[Certificate:](#) (18.68 KB) Veterinary Certificate for the export of Feathers and Finished Products containing Feathers From the United States to South Africa - May 2011 (pdf 13kb)

Hides & Skins

- [Exporter Guidance](#) (960.83 KB): *Veterinary Health Certificate for the export of Hides & Skins from the United States to South Africa* - March 2013
- [Veterinary Certificate \(fillable\)](#) (451.09 KB): March 2013

[Non-Animal Origin Products](#) (99.29 KB) - April 2019

Protein Shakes or protein supplements for human consumption (containing BOTH dairy & egg ingredients)

- [Exporter Guidance](#) (67.68 KB): *Veterinary Certificate for the export of Products Containing Dairy and Egg from the United States to South Africa* - January 2013
- [Exporter Guidance for Completion of the](#) (108.84 KB) *Veterinary Certificate For the export of Products Containing Dairy and Egg from the United States to South Africa* - January 2013
- [Veterinary Certificate \(fillable\)](#) (84.55 KB): - January 2013

Wool & Mohair

- [Guidance Document: Wool & Mohair](#) (130.7 KB) - June 2012
- [Veterinary Certificate: Wool & Mohair](#) (55.52 KB) - June 2012

- [Veterinary Certificate \(fillable\): Wool & Mohair](#) (85.32 KB) - June 2012

[Milk and Milk-Based Products for Animal Consumption](#) (141.63 KB) - November 2014

[Milk and Milk-Based Products for Human Consumption](#) (231.25 KB) - November 2022

Pet food

- [General information](#) (146.36 KB) - November 2024
- [Certificate](#) (172.72 KB) - November 2024

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

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Facility Inspections or Packages

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

Facility Packages Team

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