

## Facility Registration Requirement of Argentina Poultry Cartilage for Further Processing (Pharmaceutical Uses)

As part of the requirements of Argentina for the importation of animal products, SENASA requires that exporting facilities have applied for and been approved as a registered facility, prior to the issuance of any import permits. This is a one-time registration requirement for each new facility and for the commodity type.

The manufacturer must submit a process document (monograph) that attests to the processing parameters for the commodity. SENASA requires that this process document be countersigned by a competent certifying authority.

For the product poultry cartilage for further processing in the pharmaceutical industry, APHIS VS may be able to facilitate this process by countersigning the process document when the following conditions have been met:

- The document attests only to processing parameters that are outlined below.
- The VS Area veterinary official has knowledge of the processing referred to in the process document, through a previous inspection by an Area veterinary medical officer within the previous 12 months. Further, the Area office has on file a manufacturer's affidavit attesting to the requirements in the approved certificate.
- The process document is signed by the management or supervisory official of the processing plant who is directly responsible for carrying out the process referred to below.

"Keel bone cartilage is derived from chickens which have been subjected to ante and postmortem inspection, and removed and packed by hand in a facility under FSIS approval.

The keel bone cartilage is subjected to additional mechanical separation at a processing plant under FSIS approval and, in accordance with hygienic standards in place in the United States, is packed in appropriate cartons lined with poly liners, labeled, frozen and stored prior to shipment."

If the Area veterinary official has determined that these conditions are met, the signing official may countersign the process document.

The signature block should be prepared under a statement "I have read this manufacturer's statement and have no reason to doubt its validity."