

## **Fetal Bovine Serum Collected in the United States and/or Canada for export to Canada**

This export protocol applies to fetal bovine serum collected only in the United States and/or Canada, and processed only in the United States and/or Canada. This does not apply to fetal bovine serum collected and/or processed in any country other than the United States or Canada.

Each shipment must be accompanied by a zoosanitary export certificate endorsed by an official veterinarian of the USDA attesting to the required statements below. The certification statements listed below should appear in the Additional Declarations section of the VS Form 16-4 and are made on the basis of a notarized affidavit.

*I, the undersigned official veterinarian of the U.S. Department of Agriculture after due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge, do hereby certify:*

1. *The dam of the fetal calf:*
  - a) *was born in Canada or USA, or was legally imported into USA from Mexico*
  - b) *passed ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection in the USA or Canada at an official slaughter facility approved by and under the control of the competent government authority; and*
  - c) *was not subjected to a pithing process or to a stunning process with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity*
2. *The fetal bovine serum was:*
  - a) *collected only in the USA or Canada, AND*
  - b) *processed only in the USA or Canada, AND*
  - c) *has never been in any country other than the USA or Canada.*
3. *The uterus was removed from the dam's abdominal cavity intact and taken to a separate area of the facility sufficiently removed from the slaughter area.*
4. *The fetal bovine serum was collected in a closed system in which the blood was conveyed directly from the bovine fetus in a closed conduit to a closed receptacle.*
5. *The fetal bovine serum was not commingled with any animal origin material not authorized by the accompanying import permit.*