

Certification Requirements: Raw Animal Products and By-Products for Pharmaceutical Use

This certificate is ONLY to be used for shipments of unprocessed, raw inedible animal products and by-products to be used for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals or for technical use. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) defines technical use as applying to commodities not intended for human or animal consumption. The certificate is intended to cover all species allowed by CFIA for the purpose listed on this certificate.

The certificate is posted as a nine page fillable PDF form, which can be completed electronically by the exporter and sent via email to the endorsing VS Area Office. These documents are also posted as non-fillable pdf forms which can be printed and completed and then scanned and emailed or faxed to the endorsing VS Area Office. The electronic version contains hyperlinks to relevant notes listed at the end of the certificate, which provide additional information necessary for completion of the certificate. These notes are accessible on the printed version as well. Exporters should work with their endorsing VS Area Office regarding ways to expedite the return of endorsed certificates.

For the VS Area Office to certify U.S. origin raw materials using the certificate for “Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Raw Animal Products and By-Products from USA and Regions and Zones within USA designated Free of Diseases of Concern for Pharmaceutical Manufacture in Canada (or under import permit for other end uses”:

- The exporter must present a valid, current import permit issued by CFIA allowing entry of the products to be exported, if necessary. Import permit should only be required for materials intended for technical or other use;
- If the exporter is not the approved manufacturing facility, the exporter must provide documentation to show that the materials for export were manufactured in facilities approved by APHIS/VS; and
- The VS Area Office must verify that the manufacturing facility (ies) has/have been approved by VS for export to Canada.

Instructions for Completion of Health Certificate:

1. If using the fillable pdf forms, navigation through the certificate can be accomplished using the tab key or mouse.
2. Page numbers: these blanks should be completed to reflect the page numbers and the total number of pages in the certificate.
3. Health Certificate No.: Leave this blank. The HC number is assigned by the VS Area Office.
4. Veterinary Attestations:
 - All applicable boxes in this section should be checked.
 - Check only applicable species when discussing diseases of concern.
 - Some sections of the certificate are only applicable for certain end-uses or certain species. Only respond to applicable sections.
 - When appropriate, refer to linked notes while completing the certificate.