

Forwarding Certification for Animal Products Legally Imported into the United States for Further Export to Canada

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issues import permits for animal origin commodities, including commodities originating in a third country but exported from the U.S. Canadian import permits are issued for many commodities on a case-by-case basis, and import conditions and required government documentation may vary. The majority of animal products exported to Canada must, at minimum, have a valid Canadian import permit and corresponding Form VS 16-4 export certificate. Commodities exported without the required documentation will be refused entry at the Canadian ports.

Canadian and U.S. import requirements for products from countries other than the U.S. and Canada may differ. Products that are eligible to enter the U.S. may not be eligible to enter Canada. Based on the requirements of the Canadian import permit, it is the responsibility of the U.S. importer and exporter to coordinate with the exporter from the country of origin to request supplementary export certification, if necessary. Documentation from the country of origin must be presented to the NIES Service Center prior to endorsement of a Form VS 16-4.

Concerning export certification for imported products, USDA APHIS may only endorse attestations that appear on official government documentation from the country of origin. If the government documentation for imported products for further export to Canada does not contain statements that meet the requirements of the Canadian import permit, USDA APHIS cannot endorse the corresponding Form VS-16-4 export certificate.

Please see link entitled "[Summary of rendered materials acceptable for import into Canada](#)" for more detailed information on rendered products eligible for export to Canada.