

TRANSSHIPMENT (RE-EXPORT) OF IMPORTED RUMINANT MEALS TO CANADA

***These requirements pertain to the export of ruminant rendered meals (e.g., ovine, bovine) to Canada that were legally imported into the United States from a country recognized by Canada as BSE negligible risk (e.g., Australia, New Zealand). Exporters are responsible for verifying through their Canadian importers that the product will be allowed entry.**

General Instructions:

1. Ruminant rendered meals transshipped through the United States to Canada must be legally imported from a country recognized by Canada as BSE negligible risk (e.g., Australia, New Zealand) AND the integrity of the product must have been maintained while it was in the United States:
 - a. The shipment has remained sealed since it cleared Customs upon arrival in the United States; or
 - b. Appropriate precautions were taken to prevent the product for re-export to Canada from being commingled or cross-contaminated with any other animal origin materials while in the United States.
2. The exporter must provide the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Area Office with a copy of the official sanitary (export) health certificate that accompanied the product upon importation into the United States. The exporter must also be able to adequately demonstrate that the product for export to Canada is the same product identified on the official sanitary (export) health certificate.
3. The exporter must provide the APHIS VS Area Office with a copy of the current, valid import permit issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) authorizing importation of the ruminant meal.
4. The exporting facility will need a current inspection by APHIS VS to verify that the facility has an appropriate separation protocol in place to maintain the integrity of the imported ruminant meal and prevent possible commingling or cross-contamination.

Export Certification:

5. Imported ruminant meals being re-exported to Canada will be certified using the VS 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products.

6. The following information must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS 16-4:

“I, the undersigned official veterinarian, after due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, do hereby certify:

1. The product described below was legally imported from [insert name of country] on health certificate number [insert health certificate number]. (see attached)*
2. The certified product has not been commingled or cross contaminated with any other animal origin materials while in the United States.
3. Importation of the certified product into Canada has been authorized through CFIA Import Permit number [insert CFIA import permit number].

*A copy of the official sanitary (export) health certificate that accompanied the product upon entry into the United States must be attached to the VS 16-4.

7. Product (type of product, quantity, unit of measure, and animal product species of origin): Include the product name/description in this section, including species of animal origin, and note the quantity (weight) of the product shipped.
8. Identification: Enter pertinent information in this section sufficient to link the product being exported with the VS 16-4 and the original attached health certificate (e.g., container numbers, lot numbers, or other similar identifying information appearing on other export documents accompanying the shipment).
9. Ensure that the certificate is numbered appropriately (i.e., page 1 of 2, page 2 of 2) to identify the original health certificate as part of the overall export certificate.