

Export to China: Non-Ruminant Feeds, Feed Ingredients and Fats

This information pertains to processed animal products that can be used as pet food or feed ingredients. Examples include poultry meal, rendered poultry fat, porcine meal, lard, spray-dried porcine blood products, and porcine protein concentrate (made from processed swine intestines). Ruminant products are prohibited, except for pure dairy products, which are not covered under this protocol.

Imported ingredients are also prohibited. Products must be manufactured from materials obtained from animals slaughtered in the United States.

Exporting facilities must be inspected and approved by APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) prior to export. When this process is complete, the company will receive an APHIS approval number. APHIS/VS then submits the information to China, and China assigns the facility a Chinese approval number (NR-USA-XXX). A facility must have both an APHIS and a Chinese approval number before they are eligible to export. In addition, the exporting company must complete a separate product registration process in China. It is our understanding that the registration process can be completed concurrently with the approval process.

Process for Export Certification

1. The exporting facility must be approved by both APHIS/VS and China.
2. The product to be exported must be free of ALL ruminant material (including dairy).
3. The product must be tested for the presence of ruminant protein using the PCR test at an approved laboratory. There are two approved laboratories:
 - (1) Genetic ID NA, Fairfield, IA. Telephone: 641-472-9979
 - (2) Eurofins Gene Scan, Inc. Maitairie, LA 70001 Telephone: 504-297-4330
4. A copy of the test results must be attached to the export certificate.
5. The product must be exported using the MARCH 2004 version of the VS Form 16-4. Electronically generated VS 16-4s are NOT permitted by China. The exact certification statements and some additional directions for completing the form are shown on the sample form attached below.
6. **The Chinese Registration/Approval Number (NR-USA-XXX) must appear in the box where the name and address of the exporter is listed. Do NOT use the APHIS approval number. Do not modify the certification statements. Product that does not meet these requirements will not be permitted into China.**
7. The species of origin of the product must be listed in the box where the product is listed.

NOTE: Beginning April 26, 2009, China has been systematically banning the importation of all swine and porcine products, including highly heat processed porcine products or products containing porcine ingredients, from U.S. States reporting human cases of H1N1 influenza. On May 8, 2009, China's quarantine authority (AQSIQ) announced that heat treated products would be allowed entry if the products met the following conditions: "the core temperature of the products must undergo heating at least 71 degrees Celsius for 1 minute, and not shown to be contaminated with A H1N1 virus after heat treatment."

APHIS/VS is currently negotiating with China for acceptance of this certificate with no additional attestations since heat processing and post-processing contamination are addressed. We are also currently seeking clarification as to whether or not product testing is required.

Pending completion of negotiations with China, exporters who desire to export porcine products or products containing porcine ingredients covered under this protocol can do so if they are willing to ship at their own risk. The following statement (noted in blue font on the VS 16-4 model certificate) may be added:

"The porcine product or product containing porcine ingredients was heat processed to an internal temperature of at least 71 degrees Celsius for a minimum of one (1) minute to ensure destruction of the H1N1 influenza A virus, and the product was handled post-processing in a manner to prevent contamination with the virus."

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE
EXPORT CERTIFICATE
ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

PORT

DATE
AND NO.

This certificate is for Veterinary purposes only. It is valid for 30 days after the date of signature (in the case of transport by ship or rail, the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage).

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

The raw materials used to produce the product are of non-ruminant origin.
 The animal origin raw materials used to produce the materials are of U.S. origin, and are not contaminated with any products of animal origin from other countries.
 The animal origin raw materials come from _____ species.
 The products are packed in new and impermeable package materials, and handled in a manner to prevent cross contamination with other animal products.
 The raw materials and additives used in this product are clearly indicated on the exterior package.
 The products were shipped in clean containers.
 The products were tested in a USDA approved laboratory by PCR test and were shown to be free of ruminant contamination.
 The product has been treated at high temperatures designed to prevent the development of pathogenic agents harmful to animal health.
 Effective measures during transportation were taken to avoid cross-contamination with other animal feed and tallow.

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(SIGNATURE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL)

(TYPED NAME)

(TITLE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL)

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER

Include Chinese registration/approval number in this box (NR-USA-XXX)

PRODUCT (quantity, unit of measure, and kind)

List type of product and species of origin here

IDENTIFICATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

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