

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 and hides, neither of which is 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. Exporters are encouraged to work with their Chinese importers to accomplish this process.

Export Certification Process

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. Metairie, LA 70001 Telephone: 504-297-4330
4. A copy of the test results must be attached to the export certificate.
5. The product should be exported using the fillable "Export Certificate for Animal Products" VS Form 16-4 MAR 2010. This is the only electronically generated VS 16-4 that China will allow, and it is the only version of the VS 16-4 that will be endorsed by VS after October 31, 2010. [The hard copy VS 16-4 MAR 2004 can be endorsed until October 31, 2010.] Please see below for further instructions.

Export Certification Requirements

Links to the VS Form 16-4 MAR 2010, the VS 16-4A MAR 2010 (continuation page), and general instructions can be accessed from the home page of the International Animal Product Regulations (IREGs): <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/>

Special instructions for completion of the VS Form 16-4 for products covered under this protocol are as follows:

- A. The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declaration” section of the VS Form 16-4 MAR 2010. These statements should not be modified. Product that does not meet these requirements will not be permitted into China.
1. The raw materials used to produce the product are of non-ruminant origin.
 2. 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.
 3. The animal origin raw materials come from _____ species.
 4. The products are packed in new and impermeable package materials, and handled in a manner to prevent cross contamination with other animal products.
 5. The raw materials and additives used in this product are clearly indicated on the exterior package.
 6. The products were shipped in clean containers.
 7. The products were tested in a USDA approved laboratory by PCR test and were shown to be free of ruminant contamination.
 8. The product has been treated at high temperatures designed to prevent the development of pathogenic agents harmful to animal health.
 9. Effective measures during transportation were taken to avoid cross-contamination with other animal feed and tallow.
- B. In the “Name and Address of Exporter” section, the Chinese registration/approval number (NR-USA-XXX) must also be included.
- C. In the “Product” section, the type of animal product(s) and the species of origin must be included.