

Certification Requirements for Porcine and Bovine Cardiac Tissue for Biomedical Use

This document presents requirements for the export of porcine and bovine cardiac tissue for biomedical use exported from the United States to Costa Rica. Product description (product box on VS Form 16-4) should include the species of origin and the quantity of product being exported. The bilingual certification statements provided below should be made in the Additional Declaration section of a VS Form 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products, and VS Form 16-4A, Export Certificate for Animal Products Continuation Page, as necessary. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer must be presented to the APHIS Service Center to support these statements.

Certification Statements:

[Include if the heart tissue is bovine / *Incluir si el tejido cardíaco es bovino:*]

Rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America. / *La peste bovina, la fiebre aftosa y la perineumonía contagiosa bovina no existen en los Estados Unidos de América.*

And/Or

[Include if the heart tissue is porcine / *Incluir si el tejido cardíaco es porcino:*]

Rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, and African swine fever do not exist in the United States of America. / *La peste bovina, la fiebre aftosa, la peste porcina clásica, la enfermedad vesicular porcina y la peste porcina africana no existen en los Estados Unidos de América.*

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements: / *Esta oficina cuenta en su expediente con una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la exactitud de las siguientes declaraciones:*

1. The slaughterhouses where the tissues originated are under the supervision of the Competent Sanitary Authority of the country of origin. / *Los mataderos de donde proceden los tejidos están bajo la supervisión de la Autoridad Sanitaria Competente del país de origen.*
2. Tissue donor animals were subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspection under the supervision of an accredited or official veterinarian of the Competent Sanitary Authority of the country of origin. / *Los animales donadores de tejido fueron inspeccionados ante y post-mortem bajo la supervisión de un Médico Veterinario acreditado u oficial de la Autoridad Sanitaria Competente del país de origen.*
3. The raw material originates in the United States or was legally imported from: (indicate the country or countries). / *El material se tiene como origen los Estados Unidos o fue legalmente importado de: (indicar el país del cuál fue legamente importado).*
4. The material was not exposed to or commingled with any other animal origin material. / *El material no fue expuesto o mezclado con ningún otro producto de origen animal.*