

Blood and Blood Products from Equidae for Technical Purposes (Not for Human or Animal Consumption)

Transition:

The Regulation (EU) 142/2011 Chapter 4(A) Health Certificate is the appropriate version of the Chapter 4(A) effective March 4, 2011 for exports of equidae serum products to the EU.

Beginning March 4, 2011, APHIS will endorse the 142/2011 version of the Chapter 4(A) health certificate **for serum products** produced under our existing Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 approvals. Exporters of materials other than equidae serum products will require prior additional inspection.

New requirements for documentation for export to the EU of materials derived from imported equidae blood and derivatives:

The Regulation (EU) 142/2011 Chapter 4(A) health certificate includes new certifications that were not included on the previous version. Future re-inspections and new approvals will include additional criteria based upon Regulation (EU) 142/2011, and will require new supplementary certification for imported ingredients. Facilities utilizing imported equidae products as ingredients should begin to import the ingredients with the certifications included in the Regulation (EU) 142/2011 Chapter 4(A) certificate. This documentation will be required in the near future for the export of derivatives of imported materials.

Requirement for Labeling of Individual Products with Establishment of Collection

The Chapter 4(A) Health Certificate requires certification that equidae blood products are labeled with the “registration number” of the establishment of collection of the source blood. This collection establishment often will not be the same as the facility approved by APHIS to export the finished product to the EU.

Special instructions regarding preparation of Section I.28 of the Chapter 4(A) Health Certificate:

In cases where the processing facility approved by APHIS to export the finished product to the EU is different than the facility (or facilities) where the source blood was initially collected, the following information should be noted for the “Approval number of establishments Manufacturing Plant”:

Processing facility: [insert APHIS reference number for the facility approved by APHIS to export the finished product to the EU]

Collection facility: [insert collection facility reference number]

*Collection facility reference number: This is the number that must appear on the product label. If a shipment contains products derived from blood collected at multiple locations, multiple numbers must appear here. For derivatives of blood collected in countries other than the United States, this number would not be issued by APHIS.