

## **Materials Not of Animal-Origin**

APHIS-Veterinary Services does not endorse any certificates for consignments to the EU of materials that do not contain animal-origin materials. Any exceptions would be listed under the country specific section of these IREGS. The EU does not require APHIS-Veterinary Services certificates for these commodities. If a border inspection post in the EU asks for certification that products do not contain animal-origin ingredients, it is likely that the importer is using the wrong H.S. (tariff) code to declare the import, or that the product is improperly labeled, or for some plant-origin products that a plant health certificate [from APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)] is required.

Some individual EU countries may require certificates for hay, straw, and other plant materials. APHIS Veterinary Services does not provide these certificates. If exporters must obtain USG certificates for products such as hay, straw, fruits, and vegetables, they should contact the APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) prior to shipment to discuss options. For more information, please go to the "Plant Export" section of their website at: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_exports/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/) For contact information for PPQ Plant Export Certification offices, please go to the following section of their website at: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_exports/ecs/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/ecs/)