

## Hides and Skins for Export to Egypt

The below certification statements should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 for the exportation of animal hides and skins to Egypt. These statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit from the exporter. Although the statements are made on the basis of a notarized affidavit, the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Area Office may require additional documentation and/or a facility inspection, as deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements.

*This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [name of exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:*

*1. The hides/skins are derived from animals that were subjected to antemortem and postmortem inspection.*

*2. The hides/skins are not derived from animals slaughtered as part of a federal disease eradication program.*

*3. The hides/skins are subjected to one of the following processes:*

*Brining in a marine salt solution containing two percent (2%) sodium carbonate or equivalent for at least 16 hours at a temperature between 15° C and 21° C,*

*or*

*Dry salting with marine salt containing two percent (2%) sodium carbonate or equivalent for seven days,*

*or*

*Treatment for at least 28 days with salt (sodium chloride) containing 2% sodium carbonate.*