

Raw Material for Export to France for the Production of Collagen for Human Consumption

The “HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF COLLAGEN INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION” is for materials, e.g. bones, hides, skins, intestines, tendons and sinews, utilized in the EU for the production of collagen for human consumption. APHIS does not certify exports of actual collagen to the EU for human consumption. Those exports are certified by FDA.

Prior to endorsement of the required “HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF COLLAGEN INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION” inspection by Veterinary Services must have been conducted within the previous 365 days to verify the certificate content. Inspection may also be necessary of suppliers to the exporters (and their suppliers). In addition to those Veterinary Services inspections, materials produced from bovine origin materials (other than hides/skins) must be sourced from slaughter facilities approved under the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) **USDA Export Verification (EV) Program Specified Product Requirements for Specified Risk Materials (SRM)-Free Bovine Inedible Raw Materials**. Details on that AMS program are available at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5065678>

Approval under Regulation (EU) 142/2011 does not verify the criteria necessary for endorsement of the “HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF COLLAGEN INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.”

Because of extensive French specified risk materials (SRM) requirements, ovine and caprine materials (except for hides/skins) are not eligible for export on this certificate at this time.