

## **Export of Feathers to Hong Kong**

**Feathers must be imported into Hong Kong with the following certification:\***

**“The feathers have been treated by one of the following methods:**

- a) Washed thoroughly in detergent followed by boiling or steam sterilization at a core temperature of at least 100 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes; OR**
- b) Washed thoroughly in a detergent followed by formaldehyde fumigation (10 percent formalin) for 4 hours.”**

**\*The above requirements were conveyed to APHIS in 2004**

**NOTE: While not necessarily required, additional certification statements can be added at the request of the exporter. Exporters may add a statement about the source of the feathers, e.g., “The feathers were derived from birds slaughtered under official inspection in the State of Y” or “The feathers were derived from birds slaughtered under official inspection in X County in the State of Y.” Exporters may also add a statement about the effectiveness of the processing method, e.g., “This processing method is effective in destroying the AI virus” or “This processing method is effective in destroying pathogens of concern, including the AI virus.” [The processing methods required by Hong Kong meet or exceed international standards for the destruction of most pathogens, including the AI virus.]**