

## Artemia Cysts or Artemia Flakes Exported to India

### General Information

A VS Form 16-4 is required with the following italicized text in the “additional declaration” section. No additional text should be in the “additional declaration” area of the VS Form 16-4:

*This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.*

*1. The product described below has been tested, with negative results for the following OIE listed diseases of crustaceans:*

*Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease*

*Crayfish plague (Aphanomyces astaci)*

*Yellow head virus*

*Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis*

*Infectious myonecrosis*

*Necrotizing hepatopancreatitis*

*Taura syndrome*

*White spot disease*

*White tail disease.*

*2. The product described below has been processed in the following way, consistent with the guidelines for control of pathogenic agents in the aquatic animal feed as specified in Section 4.8.6 of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code:*

*a) flushing, sequencing or physical cleaning-out of manufacturing lines and storage facilities was performed between batches as appropriate;*

*b) buildings and equipment for processing and transporting the product are constructed in a manner that facilitates hygienic operation, maintenance and cleaning and prevents contamination;*

*c) The manufacturing facility is designed and operated in a manner that avoids cross-contamination between batches;*

*d) processed product was stored separately from unprocessed ingredients, under appropriate storage conditions;*

*e) manufacturing equipment, storage facilities and their immediate surroundings are kept clean;*

*f) The product has been processed using a method, such as freeze-drying, to inactivate pathogenic agents where appropriate;*

*g) The product label includes information including the identification of the batch, and the place and date of production to assist in product tracing.*

On the VS Form 16-4 posted, exporters should follow the directions at the following link for preparation of the other sections:

[Special instructions for exporters regarding the preparation of the new VS forms](#) - September 2011

**Supplementary lot specific documentation that must be submitted to the VS Service Center with the VS Form 16-4:**

When submitting the VS Form 16-4 to the VS Service Center for evaluation for endorsement, the exporter must submit [lot specific test reports](#) demonstrating a “negative” or “none detected result” for the following diseases:

1. Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease
2. Crayfish plague (*Aphanomyces astaci*)
3. Yellow head virus
4. Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis
5. Infectious myonecrosis
6. Necrotizing hepatopancreatitis
7. Taura syndrome
8. White spot disease
9. White tail disease.

The laboratory reports should **NOT** be attached to the VS Form 16-4 or included with the consignment to India. The VS Service Center will retain copies with their file copy of the VS Form 16-4.

The exporter must also have the required affidavit on file with the VS Service Center. Questions regarding the preparation of this affidavit, and preparation or submission of the VS Form 16-4 should be submitted to the pertinent [Veterinary Services service center](#).