

## Egg Powder for Animal Consumption Option One

This option is for egg powder for animal consumption in cases where the Japanese importer **has not verified** that officials at the port of entry into Japan have agreed that alternative heat-treatment certification is acceptable. It is also not for extruded or retort processed pet foods. For more information on “alternative heat-treatment certification”, please go back to the previous page and select “Option two – use this option when the Japanese importer has verified with the port of entry into Japan that heat processing certification is adequate to remove requirement for avian influenza certification.”

A VS Form 16-4 is required with the following exact text in the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS”. No additional text may be included.

Beginning of ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS =>>>>

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from *[insert company name]* verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true.

1. There have been no outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the United States for at least 90 days before shipment of the exported egg products;  
OR, when the United States has an outbreak of HPAI:
  - a. When the state-level HPAI zoning is applied, there have been no outbreaks of HPAI in the State where the exported egg products and the shell eggs used for production of the exported egg products were produced or that through which the egg products and the shell eggs were transported for at least 90 days before shipment of the exported egg products; or when the State where the exported egg products are produced has an outbreak of HPAI, there have been no outbreaks of HPAI in the State for at least 90 days before the estimated earliest date of exposure for the detection of HPAI in the State.
  - b. When the county-level zoning is applied, there have been no outbreaks of HPAI in the county where the exported egg products and the shell eggs used for production of the exported egg products were produced or that through which the exported egg products and the shell eggs were transported for at least 90 days before shipment of the exported egg products; or when the County where the exported egg products are produced has an outbreak of HPAI, there have been no outbreaks of HPAI in the County for at least 90 days before the estimated earliest date of exposure for the detection of HPAI in the County.
  
2. The egg products and the shell eggs used for the production of the exported egg products did not originate from nor pass through any LPAI-banned area before being carried into processing plants. An LPAI-banned area is any zone within 10 km of any premises in the state where an infection of NAI virus that is not HPNAI as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (OIE Code) has been confirmed and restricted from export by Japanese Animal Health Authorities.

3. In the County where the shell eggs for the production of the exported egg products were produced and where the plant producing the exported egg products is located, Newcastle disease (as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code), fowl cholera and other serious infectious fowl diseases (other than NAI) as recognized by the government of the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days before shipment of the table eggs.

4. This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true: The egg products were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

<<<= End of ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS.

The PRODUCT box of the VS Form 16-4 must also include:

Manufacturing date(s): [insert manufacturing dates].

The IDENTIFICATION box of the VS Form 16-4 must also include:

Container #: [insert container #]; Port of destination:[Insert port of destination]; Seal #:[Insert seal #]; Expected shipping date: [insert date product expected to leave port]

Exporters must email to the APHIS office scans of the following documentation with the prepared VS Form 16-4:

- Affidavit from the egg powder producer verifying:
  - The egg products were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.
  - The names, addresses, approving authority, and establishment numbers of the breaking plants from which the egg material was sourced. NOTE: If the egg powder producer sources from multiple plants, they may list all of them even if the specific lots exported only include derivatives from some of them.
- Affidavits from each breaking plant listed above verifying the address of the source flocks. NOTE: If the breaking plant sources from multiple flocks, they may list all of them even if the specific lots exported only include derivatives from some of them. However, this would mean they all would need to meet the “Avian Influenza Bans” related criteria noted in the bullet.
- If additional entities handle the eggs or egg derivatives between the laying flock and the exporting facility, equivalent affidavits must be included from those entities.

- If any source flocks are located in banned zones listed in the “Avian Influenza Bans” or “New Castle Disease Bans” tables located at: [from the main Japan page on this website, select the following option: **\*ALERT\*** [Important information regarding trade bans on various products](#)] then additional documentation verifying the date (or date range) of egg collection must also be provided. The eggs must not be sourced during the “dates” banned.

The affidavits do not become part of the VS Form 16-4 and are not sent to Japan with the shipment.

All affidavits must meet certain formatting criteria. Exporters should contact their local APHIS office for details.

The above assumes the eggs powders are produced from eggs laid in the United States.

Presentation of the above affidavits does not necessarily guarantee the VS Form 16-4 will be endorsed. The endorsing APHIS official will consider the location of all source flocks in connection with APHIS surveillance programs. Animal disease outbreaks within 50 kilometers of any listed flocks could result in product ineligibility.