

Spray Dried Porcine Blood Products for Use in Animal Feeding

Japan prohibited the import of processed porcine blood for use in animal feeds from all countries in 2001. In January 2008 the United States and Japan implemented a protocol that would allow certain spray dried porcine products to be exported from certain facilities approved under a program designed to mimic Japanese domestic requirements. This protocol is the Porcine Origin Verification Program – Japan or POVP-J.

Only those facilities listed in the APHIS database as approved to export to Japan under the POVP-J may export spray dried porcine blood to Japan. For information on how to become approved under the POVP-J, please contact your local APHIS Veterinary Services Area Office.

In addition to the U.S. producer being approved under the POVP-J, the Japanese importer must have an import permit prior to importing the product into Japan. The Japanese importer should contact the local Japanese authorities for details on the application process. The import permit does not need to be presented to APHIS.

Certificates for each shipment must be completed in accordance with the following instructions.

Each shipment must be accompanied by a VS Form 16-4 that should be completed as indicated below.

If all the required information in any section will not fit in the space allotted, the VS Form 16-4A should be used as a continuation page.

In the **ADDITIONAL DECLARATION** area of the certificate only the following exact text may be included (if additional space is needed, “See page 2” should be inserted in the appropriate spot, and a VS Form 16-4A should be page 2).

The swine blood meal described below:

1. Is free for sale for animal feed in the United States;
2. Was derived from blood:
 - from swine slaughtered only in the United States;

- Collected at the following animal slaughter facilities inspected and approved by the USDA and handling only swine: [insert names, addresses, #'s];
 - From swine deemed free of any animal infectious diseases and fit for human consumption as demonstrated by passing ante-mortem inspection conducted by official USDA inspectors at approved slaughter facilities;
 - Collected in a way to not allow contamination before dressing with other tissues; and
 - That was transported from approved slaughtering facilities to the manufacturing facility only by vehicles, transporting containers or tubes dedicated to handling porcine blood.
3. Was manufactured, packaged, and stored in the following manufacturing facility approved by the USDA and designated by the Japanese animal health authorities meeting the requirements to export swine blood meal to Japan from the United States: [insert name, address, and approval number of manufacturing facility].
4. Is transported and handled in a manner to prevent contamination with any pathogens of any animal infectious diseases and with any other animal products between packaging and wrapping in the designated manufacturing facilities until the point of shipment. The packaging and wrapping is new material to prevent contamination.
5. Was prepared with a heat treatment of at least 80 degrees Celsius.

In the “Port” section, the exporter should add the specific PORT of exit information. “Any U.S. Port” is not acceptable. The endorsing office will add the other information, including if applicable “page 1 of 2.”

The “Product” box of the VS Form 16-4 must include the following text: “Kind of container or packaging:” followed by a description of the packaging, e.g. 500 kg totes. Also included must be the type of product, quantity, and “Porcine” as the species of origin. Also included must be “Manufacture date:” followed by the manufacturing date. Japan is believed to hold release of the product until at least 6 weeks after the manufacturing date.

In the IDENTIFICATION BOX OF THE VS Form 16-4, the following information must be included:

Container number: [insert container number] Seal number: [insert seal number] Port of destination: [Insert port of destination] Shipping date:

[insert date product expected to leave port] Port of shipping: [insert port of shipping].

At this time the port of shipping must be listed twice on the VS Form 16-4.

For a graphic explanation of the majority of these requirements, please go back and select the applicable file. If these files are utilized to prepare the certificate, care must be taken to ensure that “inserted” text does not “push” required text off the printable page.