

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. 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 =>>>>

There have been no outbreaks of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza (HPNAI) 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 HPNAI, there have been no outbreaks of HPNAI in the State where the shell eggs used for production of the exported egg products were produced for at least 90 days before shipment of the exported egg products.

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 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. In the area where the eggs for the egg products were produced (such an area being within a minimum radius of 50 kilometers from the production farm) and in the processing plant, outbreaks of Newcastle disease, fowl cholera and other serious infectious fowl diseases other than LPAI as recognized by the government of the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days.

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.

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” table located at: [***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 egg 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.