

**Egg Products intended for Technical/Research Purposes
(Not Including Egg Shells intended for Ornamental Purposes or
Products intended for Human or Animal Consumption)**

Highly purified products:

In cases where the Japanese inspector at the port through which the consignment into Japan considers the egg product to have been “highly purified” no certification is required. Because central Japanese authorities have not provided a definition of “highly purified” there is likely to be variation in interpretation by various Japanese local port authorities. In cases where an exporter believes their egg product may qualify as “highly purified” they should provide a processing description (not a certificate) to their importer for discussion with the pertinent Japanese port authority to determine if the product can be considered “highly purified.” If it can, then no certificate is required nor may be endorsed for the shipment.

Egg-origin products intended for technical/research purposes where the product is not “highly purified”

This option is required for egg products where the Japanese importer **has not verified** that officials at the port of entry into Japan have agreed that the product is “highly purified” based upon the processing description provided by the exporter.

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 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 live poultry used for the eggs for the product originated in and transited before being carried into collection facilities only the following State(s): *[Insert names of State(s) in which live poultry originated and which live poultry transited (if applicable). Also insert “dates” for each State if State was ever banned by Japan for LPAI.]*

The products were produced under sanitary conditions.

The products were derived from eggs from clinically healthy animals.

The products are stored in clean and sanitary wrappings and/or 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 product producer verifying:
 - The egg products were produced under sanitary conditions.
 - The egg products are stored in clean and sanitary wrappings and/or containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.
 - The egg products were produced from eggs collected from clinically healthy animals.
 - The names and addresses of the laying facility or facilities (where eggs was collected from the chickens).
- Affidavits from each laying facility listed above verifying the address(es) of the source flock(s), and that the laying facility has in place procedures to ensure eggs are only sourced from birds verified to be clinically healthy at the time of collection.
- If additional entities handle the egg/egg products between the laying facility and the exporting facility, equivalent affidavits must be included from those entities.
- If any source flocks are located 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 products are from egg collected in the United States.