

Poultry Origin Blood Products intended for Technical/Research Purposes

NOTE: **The import of poultry-origin blood products for animal consumption is prohibited.** (See information under “Pet food, chews, and treats” for more information on finished pet foods.)

Highly purified poultry origin blood products:

In cases where the Japanese inspector at the port through which the consignment into Japan considers the blood 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 blood 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.

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

This option is required for blood 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 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 product has been produced under sanitary conditions.

The products were derived from clinically healthy animals.

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 blood product producer verifying:
 - The blood products were produced under sanitary conditions.
 - The blood 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 blood products were produced from blood collected from clinically healthy animals.
 - The names, addresses, and (if slaughter facilities) FSIS establishment numbers of the collection facility or facilities (facility where the blood was taken from the chicken). [These are usually either slaughter facilities or live animal facilities.]
- Affidavits from each collection facility listed above verifying the address of the source flocks, and that the collection facility has in place procedures to ensure blood is only sourced from birds verified to be clinically healthy at the time of collection.
- If additional entities handle the blood/blood products between the flock of origin of the source birds 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 blood collection must also be provided. The blood 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 blood products are from blood collected in the United States.