

Hide/Skin-Derived Gelatin & Collagen

This protocol is intended to cover gelatin and collagen products derived from hides and skins of any species for export to South Korea for any purposes, including human consumption. Gelatin and collagen derived from bovine bones are not eligible for export to South Korea at this time.

The bilaterally negotiated certification statements included in this protocol are not to be amended or revised.

In addition to the following information, exporters are advised to follow the general instructions provided on the Korea home page of the International Regulations (IREgs) for Animal Products. **Export certificates MUST be endorsed PRIOR to shipping. If the date on the shipping documents precedes the date of endorsement of the animal health (export) certificate, Korean officials will refuse entry.**

Instructions for Exporters

1. Use the fillable VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010), “Export Certificate for Animal Products” which can be accessed at the following [link](#) through the home page of the International Regulations (IREgs) for Animal Products.
2. Have the manufacturer prepare a notarized affidavit with the required certification statements noted under the notarized affidavit line in the “Export Certification Requirements” below. If assistance is needed in preparing a proper notarized affidavit, please work with the VS office that will be endorsing your export certificates. Contact information for VS field offices can be found at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/contacts/field-operations-export-trade.pdf
3. In the section of the VS Form 16-4 for “Name and Address of Exporter”, include the name and address of the manufacturer following the name and address of the exporter. The manufacturer’s information should be preceded by “Manufactured by:” and if the exporter and the manufacturer are the same, note “same as exporter.”
4. In the block for “Product”, the type of product (gelatin or collagen) and animal species of origin should be noted. Type of package, number of package, and gross and net weight should all be included in this block.
5. Complete all other applicable sections of the VS 16-4, following general instructions provided on the [Korea home page](#) of the International Regulations (IREgs) for Animal Products. If assistance is needed, please contact the VS office that will be endorsing your export certificates.

VS Form 16-4: Guidance for Additional Declarations

1. Certification statements #1-3 noted under “Export Certification Requirements” below must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) for all products. These statements must not be modified, and statements may not be deleted or added. Certification statement #4 should only be included for products containing bovine origin collagen or gelatin.
2. The certification statements will be endorsed by VS on the basis of a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer. Inspection of the exporting/manufacturing facility by VS will not generally be required. The endorsing VS office, however, may request supporting documentation and/or inspection of the manufacturing/exporting facility, if deemed necessary.
3. The certification statements must be preceded by the notarized affidavit line as noted in the “Export Certification Requirements” section below.

Export Certification Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010). These statements must not be modified, and statements may not be added or deleted.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product was derived exclusively from hides/skins.
2. The product was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations, and was produced at an establishment registered with the Competent Authority of the United States and is authorized for export to Korea.
3. The product was produced, stored, and transported in such a manner to prevent contamination by communicable animal disease pathogens transmissible through the product.
4. [delete as appropriate - to be included for bovine origin collagen or gelatin] The product was derived from the hides/skins of cattle that passed ante-mortem slaughter inspection and whose carcasses passed post-mortem slaughter inspection in official establishments under the control of the Competent Authority of the exporting country.