

Raw Hides and Skins of Cloven-Hoofed Animals*

Export to Korea

*Raw hides of cloven-hoofed animals include fresh, salted, pickled, or dried hides derived from cattle, pigs, sheep and goats. It excludes completely tanned skins and hides.

Effective Date: Export certificates dated February 27, 2008 or later for raw hides and skins of cloven-hoofed animals (hereafter referred to as “hides”) must meet these requirements. The certification statements defined herein may NOT be used for export certificates dated February 26, 2008, or earlier.

NOTE: Export certificates MUST be endorsed PRIOR to shipping. If the date on the shipping documents precedes the date of endorsement of the export certificate, Korea will refuse entry. APHIS will not be able to facilitate the release of any shipment refused entry because the products were shipped before the export certificate was endorsed.

The following certification statements must be provided in the ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS section of the VS Form 16-4, Health Certificate – Export Certificate for Animal Products:

The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and African swine fever for over 2 years prior to shipping.

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

Products for export contain animal origin ingredients derived from animals that were presented for examination by government veterinarians at slaughterhouses approved by the competent government authority and evaluated favorably for inclusion in the certified materials, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin. These hides originate from [species of origin] animals.

The above certification statements are part of a bilateral agreement with Korea. These statements cannot be altered and NO additional certification statements may be included on the VS 16-4.

The exporter must provide the endorsing APHIS VS Service Center with a current, properly notarized affidavit that includes the certification statements following the affidavit line. The endorsing VS Service Center can provide information to exporters, as needed, on the preparation of a proper notarized affidavit.

All sections of the VS 16-4 must be completed. The following bullets identify the information Korea has indicated must be provided regarding product name, quantity, identification, and shipping.

- The following information must be included on the VS 16-4 in the “Products” section:
 1. Name of product
 2. Number of packages
 3. Number of pieces
 4. Gross weight
 5. Net weight

- The following information must be included on the VS 16-4 in the “Identification” section:
 1. Individual lot number(s)
 2. Container seal number(s)
 3. Container number(s)
 4. Shipping date

- The name of the vessel or aircraft should be provided in the “Conveyance” section.

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- The port from which the hides will be shipped **MUST** be identified. Korea will not accept “Any US Port” in this section.

As stated above, Korea will not accept shipments if the products were certified **AFTER** the date of shipment. Export certificates must be dated with the actual date of endorsement. APHIS cannot pre-date or post-date certificates. Exporters are encouraged to work with their VS Service Center on all certification issues, including options for ensuring that export certificates are complete and endorsed prior to actual date of shipping.

Shipments will be subject to quarantine in Korea (usually less than one day, but may take up to two weeks).