

Hydrolyzed Poultry Protein – Export to Korea

This protocol is intended to cover hydrolyzed poultry protein for export to Korea for various end uses other than human consumption.

The bilaterally negotiated certification statements included in this protocol are not to be amended or revised (with the exception of the specific information for the manufacturing facility). Statements must not be added or deleted without express permission from the Veterinary Services (VS) National Import Export Services (NIES) Staff. If an exporter has an official import permit from the Korean government with required certification statements that differ from this protocol, they should provide an English translation of the document to their servicing VS Office. The VS Office will contact NIES for guidance. [NOTE: Exporters are not required to present a copy of an import permit from Korea as a condition for export.]

In addition to the information provided herein, exporters are advised to follow the general instructions provided on the Korea home page of the International Animal Product Regulations (IREGs). **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 official will refuse entry.**

General Requirements/Steps

1. The hydrolyzed poultry protein for export to Korea may only be derived from poultry livers and/or hearts. Other poultry protein sources are not acceptable. The product may not contain or be contaminated with any protein from ruminants.
2. The manufacturing facility must hold an APHIS number. The APHIS number, as well as the name and address of the manufacturing facility, must be provided on the animal health (export) certificate.
3. The manufacturing facility must be approved by APHIS, as well as Korea. If the facility holds a current approval for another country (or for the European Union) which verifies the information being provided under this protocol, an additional inspection for Korea is not needed. If an APHIS inspection is required to assign an APHIS number and/or to verify the facility's ability to comply with Korea's requirements, the bilaterally negotiated certification statements will serve as the basis for inspection.
4. The VS Offices will need to notify NIES of facilities meeting the requirements of #2 above that intend to export the commodity to Korea.
5. NIES will submit the information on interested, eligible facilities to Korea and request approval. Upon notification by Korea of a facility's approval, NIES will notify the pertinent VS Office and enter the information into the database maintained by NIES.
6. **A facility will only be eligible to export hydrolyzed poultry protein (derived solely from poultry livers and/or hearts) to Korea after Korea has acknowledged approval of the facility and the facility has been entered into the database maintained by NIES.**

Certification Requirements

Hydrolyzed poultry protein (derived solely from poultry livers and/or hearts) must be certified for export to Korea using the VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010), “Export Certificate for Animal Products.” A fillable version of the VS 16-4 can be accessed through a link on the home page of the IREGs: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/>

Exporters should work with their servicing VS Office to ensure the export documents are properly and thoroughly completed. Exporters will need to provide a supporting notarized affidavit to the endorsing VS Office.

The following statements must be provided in the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS” section of the VS 16-4:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [*company/manufacturer*] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The hydrolyzed poultry product is U.S. origin and was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations designed to ensure that it is unlikely to transmit disease agents.
2. The product was manufactured by the following facility [*insert name, address, and APHIS number of manufacturing facility*].
3. The product contains protein derived from poultry livers and/or hearts only, and does not contain protein derived from ruminants.
4. The product was derived from poultry subjected to slaughter inspection under official veterinary supervision at approved slaughter facilities.
5. The product was sufficiently heat processed to destroy microbiological pathogens of concern.
6. The product was handled in a manner after processing to prevent contamination.

In the “PRODUCT” section of the VS 16-4, the product must be identified as hydrolyzed poultry protein.