

Tallow: Ingredient in Products for Human Consumption

These requirements are for products intended for human consumption, such as donuts, which contain no animal origin ingredients except tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15 percent by weight. The Republic of Korea requires official government certification on the tallow ingredient.

The following guidelines for certification of these products were developed in consultation with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) has provided the government of Korea with the FDA regulations which require the tallow ingredient in products for human consumption to meet the maximum insoluble impurities standard.

The VS National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) Animal Products Exports Staff believes that the government of Korea will accept these products with certification as described below. Exporters are responsible, however, for verifying with their Korean importers that the products will be allowed entry. Exporters are also advised to follow the general instructions provided on the Korea page of the International Animal Product Regulations. **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.**

General 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 Animal Product Regulations: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/>
2. Prepare a notarized affidavit with the required certification statement noted under "Export Certification Requirements" below. If assistance is needed in preparing a proper notarized affidavit, please work with the VS Area Office that will be endorsing your export certificates. Contact information for VS Area Offices can be found at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/
3. Complete all applicable sections of the VS 16-14, following the general instructions provided on the Korea page of the International Animal Product Regulations: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/product_korea.shtml If assistance is needed, please contact the VS Area Office that will be endorsing your export certificates.

Export Certification Requirements

The following notarized affidavit line and certification statement must be included in the "Additional Declarations" section of the VS Form (MAR 2010), "Export Certificate for Animal Products."

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statement below:

The product was manufactured in accordance with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations which require the tallow used in food products intended for human consumption to contain no more than 0.15 percent insoluble impurities by weight.