

Food Preparations Containing Animal Products for Human Consumption for Export to Mexico

This document describes the requirements of Mexico for food preparations intended for human consumption and which contain diverse animal origin ingredients such as dairy and milk by-products (less than 50%), minor amounts of eggs, honey, and porcine and/or bovine-origin hydrolyzed protein (gelatin). This document also applies for food preparation that may contain minor amounts of cooked meat and meat products not in excess of 2%.

Mexico SENASICA requires certain traceability information for animal products offered for importation. For food preparations containing animal origin ingredients intended for human consumption covered by this document, the export certificate should present the product lot number in the identification block. In order for the documentation to comply with Article 89 of Mexico's Animal Health Law, the certificate should be accompanied by a manufacturer's supplemental declaration that is cross referenced by the lot numbers that are given on the certificate as well as the certificate number. For each lot, the manufacturer's declaration must provide production, packing or shipping and product expiry dates. The manufacturer's supplemental declaration must be signed by a legal representative of the company, giving their position within the company (acceptable examples: owner, president, quality control manager). The original and a copy of the supplemental declaration are required at the time of presentation of the product.

SENASICA has advised that the requirement for export certification does not apply for processed, ready-to-eat pastry, bakery or candy product foods that contain as their animal products ingredients exclusively milk, milk products, egg, egg products, honey, bee products and hydrolyzed proteins (gelatin or collagen), regardless of the need for refrigeration. According to the Import Requirements Sheet (HRZ) these products will require a quality control certificate issued by the manufacturer that provides production lot information as well as the quantity breakdown of ingredients.

Ready-to-eat food products such as sandwiches, pizzas or other products with one or more animal origin components that are not blended with pastry, bakery or candy products should be considered food preparations and are not exempt from the requirement for an export certificate.

Export Certification of Egg Products

For egg products produced by a facility/plant under USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) supervision, FSIS should provide export certification.

For egg products and egg food preparations produced by a facility/plant audited by the Grading Services of USDA Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS), AMS should provide export certification. Points 26-31 in Mexico's HRZ for Food Preparations for Human Consumption (098-13-241-USA-USA) refer to these products to be covered by AMS certificate.

For egg food products produced by a facility that is not inspected by FSIS or audited by AMS, please refer the exporter to AMS for guidance on export certification.

Export Certification of Meat Food Products

This IREG should not be used for food preparations and products containing cooked meat and meat products (bovine, caprine or ovine or poultry meat) in excess of 2% or raw meat ingredients in excess of 3%. For such preparations, the certifying agency is USDA Food Safety Inspection Service.

Certification

The following bilingual certification statements should be provided in the Additional Declarations section of the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A as needed. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [name of company] verifying the accuracy of the statements below: / *Esta oficina tiene una declaración notariada de (nombre de la compañía) verificando la autenticidad de las siguientes declaraciones:*

1. Animal-origin ingredients originated in the United States or the product and/or raw ingredients were legally imported. / *El producto es originario del país señalado en este documento como de origen, o bien, que el producto y/o materia prima fueron importados legalmente.*
2. The product does not contain meat or contains less than 2% cooked meat ingredients. / *El producto no contiene carne, o bien un máximo del 2% de producto cárnico cocido.*
Note: Include this statement in certificates issued by APHIS VS for all food preparations containing no meat or up to 2 % cooked meat.
3. The product was processed in an establishment under official control. / *El producto se procesó en un establecimiento bajo control sanitario oficial.*
4. The product is intended for human consumption. / *El producto está destinado al consumo humano.*
5. The product is a processed food product that contains a variety of animal origin ingredients, is regulated under the food safety authority of the competent food safety agencies, and is freely traded in the United States. / *El producto es un alimento procesado que contiene una variedad de productos de origen animal, bajo el ámbito de las agencias de inocuidad alimentarias competentes, y que se comercializa libremente en Estados Unidos.*

[Include the following statement if the product contains milk, milk products, egg, egg products and/or bovine hydrolyzed protein (gelatin)].

6. The products contain milk and milk products, eggs and egg products and/or bovine hydrolyzed protein (gelatin) whose use is permitted by the health authority of the United States as part of the formulation of the product. / *Los productos contienen leche, derivados lácteos, ovoproductos y/o proteína hidrolizada bovina (gelatina), que su uso está permitido por la autoridad sanitaria del país de origen para su inclusión en la formulación del producto.*