

Complements, Supplements, Additives and Flavorings for Human Consumption for Export to Mexico

This IREG pertains to complements, supplements, additives and flavorings intended for human consumption and that may contain diverse animal product ingredients (bees, poultry, bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine), such as dairy products, liver, gelatin and collagen derived from poultry, bovine or porcine sources, bovine or porcine blood, and royal jelly in gelatin capsules.

Mexico SENASICA requires certain traceability information for animal products offered for importation. For complements, supplements, additives and flavorings for human consumption, the export certificate should present the product lot number in the identification block.

For complements, supplements, additives and flavorings intended for human consumption, the exporter's/manufacturer's declaration should provide information required by Mexico pertaining to lot numbers, weight/quantity information, as well as production, packing or shipping and product expiry dates. In lieu of this, Veterinary Services will only be able to provide summarized information that may not meet Mexico's import requirements.

Mexico SENASICA has advised that their import requirements include original and copy of a quality control certificate or satisfactory test results and evidence of heat treatment of all animal product ingredients, which may be commercial pasteurization or sterilization (indicating temperature and time), or HTST (high-temperature, short-time) pasteurization meeting 72°C for at least 15 seconds.

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.

Certification statements

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. / *Esta oficina mantiene en archivo una declaración notarial de [nombre de la compañía], verificando si lo detallado abajo es lo preciso.*

1. The raw material ingredients and the product originated in the United States or were legally imported. / *Los insumos y el producto son originarios de los Estados Unidos de América, o fueron importado legalmente del país indicado.*
2. The product is intended for human consumption. / *El producto está destinado al consumo humano.*
3. The establishments where the finished product was manufactured and was stored are under official sanitary control. / *Los establecimientos donde se procesó y almacenó el producto final se encuentran bajo control sanitario oficial.*

(Certify bracketed options as applicable)

4. The product to be exported does not contain bovine meat or meat proteins. [The product includes bovine liver which derives from animals subjected to ante- and postmortem inspection and slaughtered in an establishment under official sanitary controls. The liver was handled in a manner which ensures it was not mixed with the following materials: tonsils and distal ileum of bovine animals of any age, and during processing, was not contaminated with these materials.] [The product contains bovine gelatin or collagen derived exclusively from hides and skins.] [The product contains bovine gelatin or collagen derived from bovine bones meeting the following conditions:
 - a. The country of origin is classified by the OIE as a country of negligible or controlled BSE risk.
 - b. The product was derived from healthy animals subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection, and slaughtered in an establishment under official sanitary controls.
 - c. The animals from which the product is derived were not stunned before slaughtering by means of compressed air or gas injection in the cranial cavity or cutting of the spinal cord (by laceration of the central nervous tissue by means of introducing a sharp cutting instrument into the cranial cavity).
 - d. In the preparation of the product, vertebral columns of animals 30 months of age and older and the skulls of animals of any age were excluded.
 - e. The bones used to prepare the product have been subjected to a process which includes all of the following steps:
 - i. Pressure washing (degreasing),
 - ii. Acid demineralization,
 - iii. Alkaline or acidic treatment,
 - iv. Filtration, and
 - v. Sterilization at a temperature of at least 138°C for a minimum of 4 seconds.
 - f. The product was stored and packed in manner to avoid contamination with materials that were not subjected to the treatments included above.]

El producto a exportar no incluye carne ni proteína de carne de bovino. [El producto incluye hígado de bovino el cual precede de animales inspeccionados antemortem y postmortem y sacrificados en un establecimiento bajo control sanitaria oficial. El hígado fue manipulado de manera que asegura que no se mezcló con los siguientes materiales: amígdalas e íleon distal de bovinos de cualquier edad, y que durante su obtención se impidió su contaminación con dichos materiales.] [El producto contiene proteína hidrolizada (colágeno/gelatina) de bovino obtenido exclusivamente de cueros y pieles.] [El producto contiene proteína hidrolizada (colágeno/gelatina) de bovino obtenido de hueso de bovinos y cumple con las siguientes condiciones.

- a. *El país de origen está clasificado como de riesgo insignificante o controlado por la Organización Mundial de Salud Animal (OIE) con respecto a Encefalopatía Espongiforme Bovina (EEB).*
- b. *El producto fue obtenido de animales sanos inspeccionados ante y postmortem y sacrificados en un establecimiento bajo control oficial.*

- c. *Los animales de los que se obtuvo el producto no fueron aturdidos para su sacrificio mediante inyección de aire o gas comprimido en la cavidad craneana o por corte de médula espinal (por laceración del tejido nervioso central, mediante la introducción en la cavidad craneana de un instrumento punzo cortante).*
- d. *En la elaboración del producto no se han utilizado las columnas vertebrales de bovinos mayores de 30 meses ni los cráneos de animales de cualquier edad.*
- e. *Los huesos utilizados en la elaboración del producto, fueron sometidos a un tratamiento que incluye todas las siguientes etapas:*
 - i. *Lavado a presión (desengrasado),*
 - ii. *Demineralización ácida,*
 - iii. *Tratamiento alcalino o ácido,*
 - iv. *Filtración y*
 - v. *Esterilización a una temperatura mínimo de 138°C por mínimo 4 segundos.*
- f. *El producto fue almacenado y empacado de tal manera para evitar la contaminación cruzada con materiales que no fueron sometidos al tratamiento antes descrito.]*

(Certify as applicable if the product contains bovine or porcine blood products)

- 5. The product contains [bovine] [porcine] blood ingredients derived from animals slaughtered in an establishment under official sanitary control, and subjected to official antemortem and postmortem inspection. / *El producto contiene ingredientes de sangre [bovino] [porcino] derivados de animales sacrificados en un establecimiento bajo control sanitario oficial e inspeccionados antemortem y postmortem.*