Porcine and Poultry Meals for Export to Mexico

Mexico prohibits the importation of ruminant origin meat and bone meal (MBM), including mixed species MBM from the United States and a facility must be approved before it can export rendered meals derived from swine or poultry. Fish meal facilities, spray dried facilities, and digest manufacturers are exempt from these requirements. Exporters should contact APHIS Veterinary Services to determine if the facility is approved by Mexico's SAGARPA SENASICA, or if can be approved.

To be eligible for approval, the facility must be dedicated (processing only non -ruminant species and materials). APHIS Veterinary Services has a process for inspecting and recommending approval, if the facility is dedicated and follows Mexico's processing parameters.

Mexico SENASICA requires that traceability information that pertains to production date, slaughter date, expiry date, and packing date as well as information pertaining to manufacturer and lot information be provided for each lot of fats and rendered meals. VS policy dictates that lot-specific dates are not part of the certificate. SENASICA has advised that they will accept date-specific information for each lot being exported in a supplemental declaration by the manufacturer or packer. This supplemental declaration must be cross referenced to the lot information included on the export certificate. APHIS VS will continue to provide manufacturer and lot-specific identifiers.

The following certification statements on a VS Form 16-4 are required for porcine and poultry meal products exported to Mexico. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support the statements on the VS Form 16-4 issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements: / *Esta oficina cuenta en su expediente con una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la exactitud de las siguientes declaraciones:*

1. The product originates from the United States. / *El producto es originario de los Estados Unidos.*
2. The animal tissues or offal from which the meal product was produced are from slaughterhouses approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development and Food (SAGARPA). / *Los tejidos o despojos de animales con los que se elaboró el producto (harina) proceden de plantas de sacrificio aprobadas por la Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA) (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
3. The rendering plants from which the meals proceed are approved by SAGARPA and carry the following reference number(s)_____. / *Las plantas beneficiadoras o de rendimiento de las que proceden las harinas se encuentran aprobadas por la SAGARPA y sus números de aprobación son anotados aquí (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*

4. The rendering plant which processed the meals for export does not process proteins of ruminant origin. / *La planta en la que se procesó la harina a exportar, no procesa proteínas de origen rumiante.*
5. The rendering plant heat treated the product to a minimum temperature of 80 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes. / *La planta beneficiadora o de rendimiento procesa los tejidos a una temperatura mínima de 80° C durante 30 minutos (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
6. The maximum moisture content of the final product did not exceed 10% at the end of processing. / *La humedad del producto final no excede de 10%, a la salida del cocedor (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
7. The plant maintains records for all incoming raw materials, including type and origin, quantity, and the date received, such that there is evidence that the manufacturing plant does not process ruminant proteins. / *La planta cuenta con los registros de ingreso de materias primas que contienen el tipo y origen de la materia prima, fecha y cantidad, que comprueban que en la planta en la que se elaboró el producto no se procesa proteínas de rumiantes (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
8. The plant mantains heat processing (time-temperature) graphical records for each lot of product manufactured. / *La planta cuenta con los registros gráficos de temperatura-tiempo de cada uno de los lotes procesados (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
9. The plant mantains records that document the final exit moisture for each processed lot. / *La planta cuenta con los registros de la humedad final de cada uno de los lotes producidos (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
10. The plant maintains detailed sales records of meals produced. / *La planta cuenta con registros detallados de las ventas de las harinas (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*