

Salted or Limed Bovine Hides and Skins for Food Industry for Human Consumption for Export to Mexico

Please note that Mexico SENASICA requires certain traceability information for each product lot of salted or limed bovine skins and hides intended for processing for use for human consumption. 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. For each lot, the manufacturer's declaration must provide slaughter, 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.

The following certification statements are required on 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 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 skins were derived from animals that were not slaughtered to eradicate animal disease epidemics. / *Las pieles se han obtenido a partir de animales que no han sido sacrificados para erradicar epidemias.*
3. The product was subjected to one of the following processes in an establishment under official sanitary control: / *El producto fue sometido a uno de los siguientes procedimientos en un establecimiento bajo control sanitario oficial:*

Choose the applicable option (a - d)

- a. A curing process in a marine salt solution and containing 2% sodium carbonate, or equivalent, for at least 24 hours, followed by dry salting with marine salt containing 2% sodium carbonate, or equivalent, for 7 days. / *Previo a su exportación, las pieles se sometieron a un proceso de salado en solución de sal marina que contenga un 2% de carbonato de sodio o equivalente, por al menos 24 horas, seguidas de un salado en seco con sal marina que contenga un 2% de carbonato de sodio, o su equivalente, por 7 días.*
- b. Alkaline solution treatment at pH 11.5 or greater. / *Ha sido tratado por inmersión en una solución alcalina con un pH mayor de 11.5.*

c. Acidic treatment for 24 hours at a pH of 4 or less. / *Ha sido sometido a un medio ácido con un pH menor a 4, durante al menos 24 horas.*

d. The product was subjected to a liming treatment in an establishment under sanitary controls of the competent authority. / *El producto fue sometido a un procedimiento de encalado en un establecimiento bajo control sanitario oficial.*

4. After treatment, the skins were handled in such manner to avoid contamination with other products of animal origin of a lower sanitary standard. / *Después del proceso se tomaron las medidas necesarias para evitar la contaminación con otros productos o subproductos de origen animal de menor calidad zoonosanitaria.*