

Salted Sheep and Goat Pelts and Skins for Manufacturing Purposes
for Export to Mexico

The certification statements below are required on a VS Form 16-4 for the export to Mexico of sheep and goat pelts/skins for further processing (manufacturing purposes). A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support the statements on the VS Form 16-4 issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

The government of Mexico may impose a quality requirement pertaining to fumigation or other treatment against fly larvae. In the event that a shipment is found to need treatment, exporters may arrange with their importers for this treatment, which will be done in Mexico.

In order to assure that there was no tampering of the product, vehicles or containers transporting the product should be sealed at the facility of origin and kept under seal up to their entry into Mexico.

Certification statements on a VS Form 16-4:

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 of America. / *El producto es originario de los Estados Unidos de América.*
2. The pelts/skins were derived from ruminant animals that were not slaughtered to eradicate animal disease epidemics. / *Las pieles se han obtenido a partir de rumiantes que no han sido sacrificados para erradicar epidemias.*

(Chose and include only the appropriate statement number 3.)

3. Prior to export the pelts/skins were brined in a marine salt solution containing two percent (2%) sodium carbonate or equivalent for at least 16 hours at a temperature between 15° C and 21° C. / *Previo a su exportación las pieles de sometieron a un proceso de salado en una solución de sal marina que contenga un 2% de carbonato de sodio o equivalente por al menos 16 horas, a temperatura entre 15°C y 21°C.*

(Or)

3. Prior to export the pelts/skins were dry salted with marine salt containing two percent (2%) sodium carbonate or equivalent for seven days. / *Previo a su exportación las las*

pieles fueron sometidas a un proceso de salado en seco con sal marina que contenga un 2% de carbonato de sodio o equivalente, por 7 días.

4. After treatment, the pelts/skins were handled of such manner to avoid contamination with other products of animal origin. / *Las pieles se manejaron de forma tal que se evitó la contaminación con otros productos de origen animal después del tratamiento.*