

## **Hides and Skins for Manufacturing Purposes Export to New Zealand**

These requirements pertain to hides and skins being exported to New Zealand for manufacturing purposes. Requirements and/or restrictions on species of origin are based on the source and processing of the hides and skins. Exporters should work with their New Zealand importers to be sure they have a current valid import permit (if required) allowing entry of the products.

- I. Fully tanned hides and skins** – Hides and skins that have undergone a full tanning process so that they are preserved from putrescence and are thermally stable and ready for use in a manufactured product. Consignment of fully tanned hides and skins from any species may be imported into New Zealand from any country without any specific animal health requirements.
- II. Processed hides and skins** – Hides and skins that have been pickled and/or limed, including wet whites, wet blues, and wet browns. These commodities may be imported into New Zealand with a Manufacturer's Declaration. This document must be prepared on letterhead paper and signed by the quality control manager or equivalent knowledgeable and responsible individual from the manufacturing premises. The document must include the full name and address of the manufacturing facility; the name and address of the importer; a full description of the commodity (i.e., species of origin; specific parts of the animal); the quantity (total number of packages); identification of the type of packaging; and the following attestations. [NOTE: Statements 2) and 3) can be provided on an official veterinary health certificate (VS 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products). If the VS 16-4 is issued, Veterinary Services (VS) must inspect the manufacturing facility annually to verify the required processing statements.]
- 1) The products described above have been packaged in new, clean, and secure packaging that is free of any extraneous contamination.
  - 2) The hides and skins have been subjected to a liming process at a pH equal to or greater than 12.5; and/or
  - 3) The hides and skins have been subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH equal to or less than 4.

The completed document must be signed and dated by the responsible individual and include the signatory's title or position.

- III. Casualty Skins** – Skins derived from lambs or calves up to 6 months of age that have died of natural causes. A Manufacturer's Declaration, as described in II above, is required, with the first attestation pertaining to product packaging. An official veterinary certificate, VS 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products, is also required with the attestations listed below. [New Zealand requires certification that the product originates from a country or zone that is officially free from foot-and-mouth disease in accordance with the OIE Code. The general animal health attestation on the VS 16-4 attests to U.S.

freedom from foot-and-mouth disease.] Please note that VS must inspect the manufacturing facility at least annually to verify the truthfulness of the attestations.

- 1) The casualty skins certified hereon are U.S. origin.
- 2) The casualty skins originate from establishments that were not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax.

**IV. Salted or dried hides and skins** - Hides and skins that have been air dried or dry/wet salted derived from the following farmed animals: cattle, buffalo (bison), sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, deer, horses, pigs, ostriches and emus. The New Zealand importer must have a current, valid import permit allowing entry of this commodity. A Manufacturer's Declaration, as described in II above, is required, with the first attestation pertaining to product packaging. An official veterinary certificate, VS 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products is also required with the attestations listed below. [As noted in III above, New Zealand's required attestation on foot-and-mouth disease freedom is provided in the general animal health attestation on the VS 16-4.] Please note that VS must inspect the manufacturing facility at least annually to verify the truthfulness of the attestations.

- 1) The hides and/or skins certified hereon are U.S. origin and were derived from [*insert species*].
- 2) The hides and/or skins were derived from animals subjected to slaughter inspection in an official establishment under the control of the competent authority.
- 3) The hides and/or skins originate from establishments that were not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax.

Please see attachment for a sample VS 16-4 for salted or dried hides and skins. The fillable VS 16-4 is available on the home page for the International Animal Product Regulations (IREGs), together with general instructions:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/>

The properly completed VS 16-4 should be submitted to the VS Area Office servicing the State where the manufacturing facility (or the company's headquarters) is located.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

**EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR  
ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

Port:

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Date:

Certificate Number:

This certificate is for veterinary purposes only. It is valid for 30 days after the date of signature (*in the case of transport by ship or rail, the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage*).

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

**ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS**

SIGNATURE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL:

TYPED NAME:

TITLE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:

PRODUCT (*type of product, quantity, unit of measure, and animal product species of origin*):

IDENTIFICATION:

CONVEYANCE: