

## **Animal feeds for export to Panama**

This document discusses the requirements of Panama's Food Safety Authority (AUPSA) for the export of balanced animal feeds and animal feed ingredients containing animal products to Panama, not including pet foods\*. This includes products imported for use in feeding aquatic invertebrates and screwworm larvae. This document does not pertain to pet foods\*.

All preparations for animal consumption free for sale in the United States are considered eligible for export to Panama. The product must be registered with AUPSA prior to importation into Panama. The process of product registration is initiated by the importer in Panama at the following link <http://200.46.196.147/RegistroV2/MenuRegistro.aspx>.

Please note that the product must be labeled properly including product name, lot number, net weight and packing date. Any noncompliance with the requirements of Panama will result in a rejection of the product for entry.

Importers are required to inform AUPSA Panama through their electronic import notification system 48 hours in advance of the arrival of the product at the point of entry ([http://www.aupsa.gob.pa/aupsaweb/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=136&Itemid=75](http://www.aupsa.gob.pa/aupsaweb/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=136&Itemid=75)).

Animal feeds, not including pet foods\*, should be exported with no additional statements listed in the Additional Declaration section of VS Form 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products.

The shipment should be accompanied by required documentation, including the import notification form, an export certificate for animal products (VS form 16-4 for products from the United States) endorsed by USDA APHIS, copy of the commercial invoice and a pre-declaration or Customs declaration.

AUPSA Panama advises that they require that containers and /or vehicles be sealed with security seals prior to export and that seals only be removed by the respective sanitary authorities of the country of transit and /or destination. APHIS VS does not place seals on shipments for export.

AUPSA Panama informs that they reserve the right to take any required samples for analysis: microbiological, organoleptic characteristics, determination of additives and toxic residues of the foodstuffs. The cost of determined analysis is borne by the importer.

\* Pet food includes balanced pet food diets (canned, extruded [pelleted or biscuits], or semi-moist) as well as pet treats and supplements.