

Certification for Export to the Philippines Ruminant or Mixed Species Meat and Bone Meal (MBM)

This protocol is intended to cover MBM derived from ruminants (cattle, bison, buffalo, sheep, goats, deer, or other cervidae), as well as mixed species MBM. The bilaterally negotiated certification statements included in this protocol are not to be amended or deleted without express permission from the Veterinary Services (VS) National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) Animal Products Exports Staff. Please note that there are two options for certification statement #6. Only the applicable statement #6 should be included on the certificate presented for endorsement.

- The commodities covered under this protocol should be exported using the fillable “Export Certificate for Animal Products” VS Form 16-4 MAR 2010. This is the only version of the VS 16-4 that will be endorsed by VS after October 31, 2010. Until October 31, 2010, exporters may also use the hard copy VS Form 16-4 MAR 2004. Please see “Notice to Exporters” on the home page of the International Animal Product Regulations for access to the VS Form 16-4 MAR 2010, the VS Form 16-4A (continuation page), and general instructions: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/>
- All certification statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit which must be provided by the manufacturer/exporter. If the exporter is not the manufacturer, the exporter must provide a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer. Statements on the notarized affidavit must be provided by someone knowledgeable about the product, the facility, and the manufacturing process.
- The notarized affidavit line must precede the certification statements as noted in the “Export Certification Requirements” below.
- Manufacturing facilities must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or a State agency acting on behalf of the FDA to make statement #1, as noted in the “Export Certification Requirements” below.
- If the manufacturer is a member of the Animal Protein Producers Industry (APPI), and is performing microbiological testing of product in accordance with APPI requirements, the first statement #6 (see “Export Certification Requirements” below) should be used. *Note that the endorsing VS Area Office may require supporting documentation of APPI membership and participation.
- If the manufacturer is not an APPI member, the second statement #6 (see “Export Certification Requirements” below) should be used. *If this option is used, the exporter must provide the latest laboratory test results on the product being exported showing that the product has tested negative for Salmonella.

Export Certification Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declaration” section of the VS 16-4 MAR 2010. These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; only the applicable statement #6 should be used; bracketed information in second #6 option should not be included on the certificate).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The product was manufactured in a facility or facilities authorized by the official competent authority of the United States to produce rendered meals for animal feed.
2. The rendered protein was manufactured in accordance with U.S. law and regulations, including removal of brains and spinal cords from cattle over 30 months of age; and the product may be freely sold in the United States.
3. The rendered product has been sufficiently heat processed to ensure destruction of microbiological pathogens harmful to animal health.
4. The raw materials used to produce the rendered protein are of ruminant or mixed species origin.
5. The product was handled after treatment in a manner designed to prevent contamination.
6. The products have been subjected to routine testing for Salmonella in accordance with the Animal Protein Producers Industry (APPI) protocol in an APPI approved laboratory.*
OR
6. The products have been subjected to routine testing for Salmonella in a laboratory acceptable to the USDA, APHIS. [Include latest lab test results. Note that test results should be negative for Salmonella.]*

*Provide only the applicable statement

In the “Product” section of the VS Form 16-4, the commodity, as well as the species of origin, should be identified. If the product is derived from several species it should be referred to as “mixed species meat and bone meal.”