

## **Export to Thailand: Non-Ruminant Rendered Meals and Blood**

This information pertains to U.S. origin non-ruminant rendered meals (e.g., porcine meat-and-bone meal (MBM), poultry byproduct meal, feather meal) and non-ruminant rendered blood (e.g., spray dried porcine plasma) manufactured in U.S. rendering facilities.

The animal health authorities of Thailand (Department of Livestock Development or DLD) have agreed to accept U.S. origin non-ruminant rendered meals and blood as described herein. Except as noted in this information, no changes can be made to these bilaterally negotiated certification statements (including addition or deletion of information) without permission from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS), National Import Export Services (NIES), Animal Products Trade Negotiations Staff. Please information below regarding facility approval. Other requirements for entry of non-ruminant rendered meals and blood into Thailand are not known. U.S. exporters are encouraged to work closely with their Thai importers to determine if an import permit is needed; if the product must be registered with the Thai authorities; or if other entry requirements must be met.

**Facility Approval** - Only facilities that have been inspected and approved by Thailand's Department of Livestock Development (DLD) or otherwise approved by Thailand are eligible to export. While NIES will maintain a list of approved non-ruminant rendered meal and blood facilities for Thailand, APHIS inspection and approval is not needed. APHIS/VS certification of these commodities for export will be done on the basis of a notarized affidavit.

### **Certification Requirements**

Non-ruminant rendered meals and blood sourced from approved facilities must be certified for export to Thailand using the VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010), "Export Certificate for Animal Products." A fillable version of the VS 16-4 can be accessed through a link on the home page of the IREGs:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/sa\\_export\\_from\\_us/sa\\_animal\\_products](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/sa_export_from_us/sa_animal_products)

Exporters should work with the VS Service Center/Office to ensure the export documents are properly and thoroughly completed. Exporters will need to provide a supporting notarized affidavit to the endorsing VS Office.

The following statements must be provided in the "ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS" section of the VS 16-4:

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

1. The product was manufactured with raw materials derived from poultry and/or other non-ruminant species.

2. The product is U.S. origin, was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations, and meets the requirements of the United States for domestic sale and use in animal feed.
3. The material used in the manufacture of the certified product was subjected to heat processing adequate to destroy microbiological pathogens of concern and result in a product fit for animal consumption.
4. The product was manufactured and handled in a sanitary manner, including precautions to prevent contamination with microbiological pathogens following processing.

In the “PRODUCT” section of the VS 16-4, the type of product and the animal species of origin should be identified, e.g., “poultry byproduct meal” or “spray dried porcine plasma.”