

## Fertilizer Exported to Taiwan

The export of fertilizer containing exempt<sup>1</sup> animal-origin ingredients to Taiwan does not traditionally require an export health certificate provided the product label meets Taiwanese requirements and the Taiwanese government can verify the animal-origin ingredients present within the product. In instances where the product label does not meet Taiwanese import requirements, an export health certificate is required as outlined below.

Fertilizer containing non-exempt (regulated) animal-origin ingredients exported to Taiwan requires an import permit issued by the Taiwanese government. Once the import permit has been issued, exporters should work with their Veterinary Services (VS) Service Center for any necessary export certifications.

It is the responsibility of the exporter to work with their Taiwanese importer to confirm that the product, including product label, and all other shipping documentation meets all Taiwanese import requirements prior to shipment.

### **CERTIFICATION FOR FERTILIZER CONTAINING EXEMPT ANIMAL-ORIGIN INGREDIENTS**

For fertilizer containing exempt animal-origin ingredients in which the product label does not meet Taiwanese import requirements, the exporter must present a properly notarized affidavit containing all certification statements appearing in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4 under the affidavit line, along with the draft VS Form 16-4. The VS Service Center can provide details on how to prepare a properly notarized affidavit.

The following exact text must appear in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4. No additional text should be added unless the statements are required by a current, valid Taiwanese import permit for the product and the statements can be truthfully endorsed and verified.

*This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.*

- 1. The certified materials were manufactured at the following facility [insert name and address of manufacturer].*
- 2. The certified materials do not contain any animal-origin materials except for the following exempt ingredients: [insert name of each animal-origin ingredient and the type of exempt ingredient from which it is derived, if applicable (e.g. bovine dairy, fish bone meal)]*

*If the individual packages of certified materials do not contain the EXACT same company name and address as the manufacturer information noted above, insert: [Insert name and address of manufacturing facility] also produces the products included in this consignment labeled with the following company information: [Insert company name(s) and address(es) that appear on the package in the consignment].*

In the PRODUCT section of the VS Form 16-4, the species of animal-origin ingredients should be identified.

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<sup>1</sup> Exempt (non-regulated) animal-origin ingredients include fish and aquatic animals; dairy; gelatin; collagen; dicalcium phosphate; and chondroitin.