

## **Fetal Bovine Serum: Export to Vietnam**

These requirements are for certifying fetal bovine serum (FBS) intended for technical use (e.g., in-vitro laboratory/diagnostics) for export to Vietnam. The intended end-use must be declared on the export certificate.

The VS National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) Animal Products Exports Staff believes that the government of Vietnam, Department of Animal Health (DAH), will accept this product with certification as described below. Exporters are responsible, however, for coordinating with their Vietnamese importers to ensure that all requirements for importation are met and the products will be allowed entry.

### **General Instructions for Exporters**

1. Use the fillable VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010), “Export Certificate for Animal Products” which can be accessed at the following link through the home page of the International Animal Product Regulations: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/>
2. Prepare a notarized affidavit with the required certification statements noted under “Export Certification Requirements” below. If assistance is needed in preparing a proper notarized affidavit, please work with the VS Area Office that will be endorsing your export certificates. Contact information for VS Area Offices can be found at: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/area\\_offices/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/)
3. Complete all applicable sections of the VS 16-14, including the product description (fetal bovine serum or FBS). Please see general instructions on the home page of the International Animal Product Regulations: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/> If assistance is needed, please contact the VS Area Office that will be endorsing your export certificates.
4. Provide documentation, as needed, to support claim that the cattle from which the source fetuses were obtained were subjected to slaughter inspection (passed ante-mortem inspection/underwent post-mortem inspection) in FSIS or State-inspected plants.

### **Export Certification Requirements**

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012), “Export Certificate for Animal Products.” These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #4).

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

1. The product (fetal bovine serum) was derived from fetuses obtained from cattle that were subjected to slaughter inspection in an official establishment under the control of the competent authority.

2. The cattle from which the source fetuses were obtained were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process.
3. The product was processed and handled in a manner intended to prevent contamination with microbiological pathogens.
4. The product is intended to be used for **[insert intended end use, e.g., in-vitro laboratory or diagnostic purposes]**.