

Diagnostic and Research Samples

The Belgium importer should apply to import.export@favv.be (the Belgian government) for an import license. If import is possible, Belgium will issue an import permit **which generally will require no government certification of the consignment**. Exception: In rare cases, for some samples derived from ungulates or poultry, the import permit may require the following government certification. In these cases, the import permit and a translation should be submitted to the VS Field Office along with the require affidavit and draft VS Form 16-4. If the import permit requires additional certification, the VS Field Office will consult with VS Headquarters and negotiation with Belgian authorities may be required.

The VS Form 16-4 may not reference or define the “Category”.

Only the following blue text may be added in the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS” section of the VS Form 16-4 (and the VS Form 16-4 is only an option if the certifications after the first blue sentence are required by the import permit):

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

The products described below were derived from animals showing no clinical symptoms at the time of collection of a disease that could be transmitted to humans or animals through the products.

For samples derived from non-livestock species (mice, rats, dogs, cats, other animals not generally used for food production), the import permit should never require government certification.