

## **Export of Feathers and Feather Products from the United States to Sri Lanka**

- The Sri Lankan importer must apply to the Director General, Department of Animal Production and Health (DG/DAPH) prior to importation.
- The county of origin must be free of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).
- The processing facility must be inspected and listed by APHIS as being compliant with the statements on the VS Form 16-4 as indicated below.
- Feathers must be washed, cleaned, and then subjected to one of the below processing methods. If they are not, the products may be released from the port of entry only after fumigation (at the expense of the owner) at the port of entry or other place designated by Sri Lankan officials.
  - Fumigation with formalin (10% formaldehyde) for 8 hours;
  - Irradiation with a dose of 20kGy;
  - Boiled/steamed at a temperature of 80C or above for a minimum period of 30 minutes.
- Our belief is that the following items are covered by these requirements/this certificate:
  - Washed, processed feathers and/or feathers-on-skin intended for fly-tying material and garment industries;
  - Manufactured items such as quilts, duvets, and pillows for the hotel industry.

### **Export Certification Requirements**

The product should be exported using the fillable “Export Certificate for Animal Products” VS Form 16-4. The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section. These statements should not be modified and no other statements should be added.

1. The county of origin is free of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).
2. The feathers / product have been subjected to one of the following treatments:
  - a. fumigation with formalin (10% formaldehyde) for 8 hours;
  - b. irradiation with a dose of 20kGy;
  - c. boiled/steamed at a temperature of 80C or above for a minimum period of 30 minutes.
3. The necessary precautions were taken to prevent contamination of the product with pathogenic agents after processing.

In the “Product” section, the type of animal product(s) and species of origin must be included.