

## Export to China: Non-Ruminant Feeds, Feed Ingredients and Fats

This information pertains to processed animal products that can be used as animal feed (excluding pet food) or feed ingredients. Examples include rendered poultry fat, porcine meal, lard, spray-dried porcine blood products, and porcine protein concentrate (made from processed swine intestines). Poultry meal and feather meal must meet the requirements related to facility approval, but should be certified using the information found at Rendered Poultry and Feather Meals. [Ruminant products are prohibited, except for pure dairy products and hides, neither of which is covered under this protocol.]

These requirements do not apply to fish proteins or pet food. Requirements for fish proteins may be found at Fishmeal, Fish Oil, and other Exclusively-Fish-Based Proteins. Requirements for pet food may be found at Pet Foods Containing Animal-Origin Ingredients. For supplements or feed additives, please contact the U.S.D.A. Agricultural Marketing Service. More information may be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/feed-export-china>.

Imported ingredients are prohibited. Products must be manufactured from materials obtained from animals slaughtered in the United States.

### **Facility Approval Process**

Manufacturing facilities must be inspected and approved by APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) prior to export. Other facilities handling or exporting rendered meals may need inspection. Please contact your pertinent VS Service Center for more information regarding the APHIS inspection and approval process.

For new facilities, when this process is complete, the company will receive an APHIS approval number. APHIS then submits the information to China, and China assigns the facility a Chinese approval number (NR-USA-XXX) and publishes the information on its website.

A facility must have both an APHIS and a Chinese approval number before it is eligible to export. In addition, the exporting company must complete a separate product registration process in China. Exporters are encouraged to work with their Chinese importers to accomplish this process.

APHIS will submit facility updates to China on a monthly basis, and China will update their website within 20 working days of receipt. Once China updates their website, APHIS will notify the facility. It is the responsibility of the facility to confirm their information is listed accurately on the Chinese website and this may be verified through the Chinese importer.

### **Additional Information**

1. The manufacturing facility must be approved by both APHIS/VS and China.
2. The product to be exported must be free of ALL ruminant material (including dairy).
3. The product must be tested for the presence of ruminant protein using the PCR test at an approved laboratory. There are three approved laboratories:
  - i. FoodChain ID (formerly known as Genetic ID)  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
Phone: (641) 472-9979
  - ii. Eurofins Gene Scan, Inc. New Orleans, LA 70122 Telephone: 504-297-4330
  - iii. NSF International, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-9723 Telephone: 734-769-8010 or 1-800-NSF-MARK
4. A copy of the test results must be submitted with the export certificate.

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## **Export Certification Requirements**

The product should be exported using the fillable “Export Certificate for Animal Products” VS Form 16-4. Links to the VS Form 16-4, the VS Form 16-4A (continuation page), and the general instructions can be accessed from the [home page](#) of the International Animal Product Regulations (IREGs) for Animal Products Exports.

Special instructions for completion of the VS Form 16-4 for products covered under this protocol are detailed below.

- A. The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4. These statements should not be modified. Product that does not meet these requirements will not be permitted into China.

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

1. The raw materials used to produce the product are of non-ruminant origin.
  2. The animal origin raw materials used to produce the materials are of U.S. origin, and are not contaminated with any products of animal origin from other countries.
  3. The animal origin raw materials come from \_\_\_\_\_ species.
  4. The products are packed in new and impermeable package materials, and handled in a manner to prevent cross contamination with other animal products.
  5. The raw materials and additives used in this product are clearly indicated on the exterior package.
  6. The products were shipped in clean containers.
  7. The products were tested in a USDA approved laboratory by PCR test and were shown to be free of ruminant contamination.
  8. The product has been treated at high temperatures designed to prevent the development of pathogenic agents harmful to animal health.
  9. Effective measures during transportation were taken to avoid cross-contamination with other animal feed and tallow.
- B. In the “Name and Address of Exporter” section, the Chinese registration/approval number (NR-USA-XXX) must also be included. If the exporter is not the manufacturer, either the manufacturing facility’s name, address, and Chinese approval number must be listed, or the exporter must be approved by APHIS and China.
- C. In the “Product” section, the type of animal product(s) and the species of origin must be included.