

## **Export to China: Rendered Poultry Meals and Feather Meals**

Facilities wishing to export rendered poultry and/or feather meals to China must be approved by APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) under the requirements of the non-ruminant fats and feeds protocol (see the International Animal Product Regulations (IREG) entry for China entitled “Non-Ruminant Feeds, Feed Ingredients, and Animal Fats”).

### **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.

Although poultry and feather meal facilities are approved under the Non-Ruminant Fats and Feeds Protocol, these commodities may **not** be exported using the export health certificate associated with that protocol. Poultry and feather meals must now be exported under the guidelines and certification statements as issued below. (NOTE: This new certificate was negotiated to restore trade following the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza [HPAI] in the United States in December 2014.)

The agreement as detailed below went into effect April 1, 2015. All poultry and feather meals to China must be certified using these certification statements.

### **Export Certification Process**

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.

A notarized affidavit should be prepared with the required certification statements listed under the notarized affidavit line on the certificate. If assistance is needed in preparing a properly notarized affidavit, please work with the VS Service Center that will be endorsing the export certificate.

- 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. Note AQSIQ has been replaced by GACC but this language has not been amended on the certification statements.

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.

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

1. The certified poultry meals or feather meals were manufactured in a facility approved by APHIS and registered with AQSIQ.
  2. The manufacturing facility is located more than 50km from the center of any active HPAI control zone; and no raw materials from an active HPAI control zone were used in the manufacture of the products.
  3. The products were manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations and may be freely sold in the United States for use in animal feed.
  4. The products were processed by one of the following ways:
    - ( ) At a minimum temperature of 118°C for a minimum of 40 minutes;
    - ( ) With a continuous hydrolyzing process under at least 3.79 bars of pressure at a minimum temperature of 122°C for a minimum of 15 minutes;
    - ( ) With an alternative rendering process in which the internal temperature throughout the entire product reached at least 74°C.
  5. The products are not intended for human consumption.
  6. The products were tested in a USDA approved laboratory by PCR test and were shown to be free of ruminant contamination.
  7. The products are packed in new and impermeable packaging materials, and were handled in a manner to prevent cross-contamination with other animal products.
  8. Effective measures were taken during transportation to avoid cross-contamination with other products.
  9. Adequate precautions were taken to avoid contact of the product with any source of avian influenza viruses.
- 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.

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- C. In the “PRODUCT” section of the VS Form 16-4, either “poultry meal” and/or “feather meal” should be indicated.
- D. In the “IDENTIFICATION” section of the VS Form 16-4, lot number(s) should be included.