

Information for Exporters: Shipment of Tallow (for Industrial Use) to China

This information pertains to tallow intended for industrial use. China prohibits the import of tallow intended for other purposes. Tallow exported to China for industrial use must have a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight, must be derived from bovine animals slaughtered in the United States or from animals legally imported into the U.S., and must be rendered at facilities approved by APHIS and the government of China to export tallow to China for industrial use.

Facility Approval

Facilities wishing to export tallow (for industrial use) to China must be inspected and approved by APHIS Veterinary Services (VS), and have the pertinent approval from China (a separate process from the APHIS inspection and approval) prior to the facility initially being considered eligible to export tallow to China. Interested facilities should contact their local VS Service Center for more detailed information regarding the APHIS VS and China approval process.

Export Certification Process and Requirements

The exporting facility must be approved by both APHIS and China.

Each lot of tallow for export to China must be tested to confirm a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight. A copy of the test report demonstrating these results must be submitted to the VS Service Center with the prepared export certificate. The test report does not become a part of the endorsed certificate and should not accompany the shipment to China.

A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is also required. Exporters should contact their local VS Service Center for details regarding the requirements of the notarized affidavit. The notarized affidavit does not become a part of the endorsed certificate and should not accompany the shipment to China.

A sample export certificate is available from the previous page on this website. The **Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4)** is utilized as the certificate. When preparing the VS Form 16-4, the exporter should follow the below guidelines:

Additional Declarations: Add the text from the following page to the **Additional Declarations** section of the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4). Note AQSIQ has been replaced by GACC but this language has not been amended on the certification statements.

Name and Address of Exporter: Add the name and address of the exporter, and the GACC (formerly AQSIQ) Registration Number of the manufacturing facility (IT-USXX). If the facility does not have a GACC Registration number, use the APHIS reference number.

Name and Address of Consignee: Add the name and address of the Consignee in China, and the following text (inserting the pertinent permit number): AQSIQ Import Permit No. _____

Product Description: Describe the product as “Industrial tallow”, and add the other requested information as noted on the form.

Prior to endorsement, the VS Service Center will add the date, certificate number, and the name and title of the signing official prior to printing the certificate duplexed on VS Security Paper.

Certification statements to appear under the Additional Declarations of VS Form 16-4

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.

The United States is officially recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as a region of negligible risk for BSE.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from (*insert name of exporter*) verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The certified product was processed in a facility(ies) approved by the USDA which is (are) registered with the General Administration of Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ).
2. The certified product was derived from animals born and raised in the United States or legally imported into the United States, and from animals which:
 - a. were effectively monitored through the USDA's system for BSE surveillance and control and were not confirmed BSE cases;
 - b. were not under official quarantine for reportable diseases;
 - c. in accordance with U.S. regulations, were subject to a ban on the feeding of ruminant meat-and-bone meal and greaves. This ban is effectively enforced;
 - d. can be effectively traced in accordance with the requirements of the animal disease traceability system of the United States;
 - e. either underwent official inspection in official U.S. slaughterhouses OR originated from outside slaughterhouses, and did not show clinical signs of mandatory reportable animal diseases transmissible through the industrial tallow; and
 - f. were not subjected to a stunning process prior to slaughter with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity or to a pithing process.
3. The raw materials used in the manufacture of the tallow, and the processing methodology used comply with U.S. laws and regulations in place to prevent the transmission of BSE through tallow.
4. The certified product was processed from raw materials subjected to a heat treatment at a temperature of not less than 80oC for a period of not less than 20 minutes or an equivalent heat treatment process approved by AQSIQ.
5. The certified product was analyzed by a laboratory recognized by the USDA and found to have a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight.
6. Effective measures were taken during and after processing to prevent product contamination, including contamination with tallow imported from countries not approved by AQSIQ.
7. The exporter confirms that transport conveyances were clean at the time of loading at the rendering facility; and that measures were taken to prevent cross-contamination of the product on the way from the rendering facility to the port of embarkation.
8. The certified product is not intended for human consumption or animal feeding purposes.