

Bovine Meat-and-Bone Meals for Animal Feeding for Export to Costa Rica

This document presents requirements for the export of bovine meat-and-bone meals intended for animal feeding (non-ruminant) to Costa Rica.

Costa Rica will accept imports from facilities that have been inspected by USDA APHIS VS within the previous 12 months if found to comply with the requirements in this IREG. Please note that SENASA Costa Rica requires the following:

- Facilities producing animal feeds must be registered in the country of origin under the oversight of the official animal feed competent authority.
- The use of ruminant-origin meals as ingredients in feeds is allowed for the following animal species: Dogs and cats, swine, poultry, aquaculture.
- Ruminant meal products must be appropriately labeled that they are not for use as an ingredient in feeds for ruminant species: “No para usarse en alimentos para animales rumiantes.”

Product description (product box on VS Form 16-4) should include the species of origin (bovine) and the quantity of product being exported.

The bilingual certification statements provided below should be made in the Additional Declaration section of a VS Form 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products, and VS Form 16-4A, Export Certificate for Animal Products Continuation Page, as necessary.

The VS office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. / *La Oficina de Servicios Veterinarios tiene en sus archivos una declaración juramentada de [nombre de la compañía] certificando la veracidad de las afirmaciones enunciadas a continuación.*

1. The product was manufactured in plants that are authorized and under the supervision of the official competent authority. / *El producto fue elaborado en plantas autorizadas y supervisadas por la autoridad oficial correspondiente de los Estados Unidos.*
2. The product has been manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations. / *El producto fue elaborado de acuerdo de las leyes y regulaciones de los Estados Unidos.*
3. The rendered meal product was subjected to a heat treatment of 118°C (245°F) for at least 40 minutes or an alternative method that meets or exceeds 118°C (245°F) for at least 40 minutes. / *La harina producto de rendering fue sometido a un tratamiento con calor a mínimo a 118°C (245°F) durante por lo menos 40 minutos o un tratamiento alternativo que alcanza o excede mínimo a 118°C (245°F) durante por lo menos 40 minutos.*
4. The product has been tested and found negative for *Salmonella* spp., indicator species for pathogenic organisms. / *El producto ha sido sometido a pruebas con resultados negativos para la determinación de Salmonella spp., especies indicador para las bacterias patógenas.*

5. The product is freely sold and entered into commerce in the United States for use as a non-ruminant animal feed ingredient including for use in pet foods. / *El producto es vendido y se comercializa libremente en los Estados Unidos como ingrediente en alimentos de animales no rumiantes incluyendo mascotas.*
6. Precautions have been taken after processing to avoid contaminations of the product. / *Se han tomado las debidas precauciones durante el procesamiento y almacenamiento para evitar contaminaciones cruzadas.*
7. The United States has been recognized by the OIE as a BSE negligible risk country. / *Estados Unidos ha sido reconocido como país de riesgo insignificante para la EEB.*
8. The product contains only bovine-origin meat-and-bone meal. / *El producto solo contiene harinas de origen bovino.*