

Raw Bovine Ingredients to Costa Rica

These requirements apply to refrigerated or frozen ear, nose, trachea, penis, esophagus, cartilage, lung, tendon, and glottis of cattle not labeled as fit for human consumption exported to Costa Rica as a raw material intended for use in the manufacture of pet treats. This list of ingredients is not exhaustive. For questions regarding the eligibility of a particular bovine ingredient, the exporter should work with their importer to confirm eligibility of the raw material for import into Costa Rica under this protocol.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPORTERS

1. Use the fillable VS Form 16-4 “Export Certificate for Animal Products” which can be accessed through the home page of the International Regulations (IREGS) for Animal Products.
2. The manufacturer should prepare a notarized affidavit with the required certification statements as noted under the notarized affidavit line. If assistance is needed in preparing a properly notarized affidavit, please work with the [Veterinary Services \(VS\) office](#) that will be endorsing the certificate.
3. In the block for “Product,” include a description of the product (including animal species), quantity, weight (in kg), type of packaging and lot-specific identification (e.g., batch or lot number). In the block for “Identification,” include lot-specific information (e.g., batch or lot number).
4. Complete all other applicable sections of the VS Form 16-4. If assistance is needed, please contact the VS office endorsing the export certificate.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following bilingual certification statements should be provided in the “Additional Declarations” section of a VS Form 16-4. These statements must not be modified, and statements may not be added or deleted.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. / Esta oficina tiene en sus archivos una declaración juramentada de [nombre de la compañía] certificando la veracidad de las afirmaciones enunciadas a continuación:

- 1. The product is derived from animals that were slaughtered in federally inspected establishments. These animals were subjected to ante-mortem inspection, and their carcasses were subjected to post-mortem inspection with favorable results. / Los productos se derivan de animales que fueron sacrificados en establecimientos bajo inspección federal. Estos animales fueron sometidos a inspección ante-mortem, y sus canales fueron sometidas a inspección post-mortem con resultados favorables.*