

Bovine Origin Products NOT for Human Consumption

The below certification statements are required for materials, containing bovine origin ingredients exported to Hong Kong. These requirements do not apply to bovine origin products for human consumption (which are banned), bovine hides, or pet food.

The certifications should be placed on the VS Form 16-4 under “Additional Declarations”. If all statements do not fit on one page, the VS Form 16-4A should be attached as “Page 2 of 2.”

Required certification:

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 *[insert name of company here]* verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The bovine animals from which the certified materials were derived were subjected to ante-mortem examination (inspected prior to slaughter), and were not found to show any evidence or clinical signs of any disease transmissible by the certified materials. These animals did not show any clinical signs of generalized central nervous system disease.

The feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants is banned in the United States, and this ban is effectively enforced.

The bovine animals from which the certified materials were derived 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.

The products of bovine origin were derived from animals slaughtered at licensed premises.

The certified materials of bovine origin were not derived from downer cattle.

The certified materials of bovine origin were not derived from the following Specified Risk Materials from any cattle in any BSE affected country: the brain, skull, eyes, trigeminal ganglia, spinal cord, vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wings of the sacrum), and dorsal root ganglia (DRG) of cattle 30 months of age and older, and the tonsils and distal ileum of the small intestine of any cattle regardless of age.

The certified materials of bovine origin do not include any components of any carcass that was rejected during post-mortem examination as unfit for human consumption.