

India

Certification Requirements for Treated Hides & Skins

The following certification statements, as applicable, should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 for the exportation of cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, horse or camel hides and skins to India. These statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit from the exporter. Although these statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit, the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Area Office may require additional documentation or a facility inspection, as deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of the 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 [name of exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

- 1. The hides and skins were derived from animals originating from establishments not under official quarantine for anthrax.*
- 2. The animals from which the hides and skins were derived showed no signs of anthrax during ante and postmortem inspections.*
- 3. Sheep and Goat hides and skins come from a zone free of sheep pox and goat pox (delete as appropriate).*
- 4. The hides and skins were processed by one of the following methods:*
 - a. Chemical treatment/liming in alkaline solutions maintained at pH 11.5 or above for at least 12 hours/acid solution (100 kg salt Sodium Chloride – NaCl and 12 kg acid per 1,000 liters water) maintained at below pH 3.0 for at least 8 hours, OR*
 - b. Treated for at least 28 days (may include time of voyage) with salt (sodium chloride) containing, 2% sodium carbonate.*
- 5. Precautions were taken to prevent the contamination of the treated hides and skins with pathogenic agents following processing.*
- 6. After treatment the hides and skins were packaged in new, clean packing materials. Precautions were taken to prevent the contamination of the packaging materials with pathogenic agents.*