

## **Exporter Guidance for the submission of *Model of Veterinary Certificate to accompany Fish Based Fertilizer from the United States to Israel* to APHIS VS for endorsement**

Please note this certificate is endorsed based upon:

- U.S. government regulatory controls and oversight (Federal and/or State regulations and subject to inspection and regulatory oversight) ,
- the U.S. disease status, and
- a notarized affidavit from the manufacturing facility

**Section I – III:** Must be completed by exporter prior to submission to APHIS VS for endorsement

**Section IV. Declaration:** The following provides the U.S. exporter guidance on obligations and documents required for APHIS VS endorsement of the declarations within this section:

*1. The producer is a plant which is approved by the competent authority to manufacture fish based fertilizer for sale in the United States, and for export.*

**Exporter Responsibility:** N/A

*2. The said product contains only fish derived animal origin ingredients;*

**Exporter Responsibility:**

- Provide a valid certificate of inspection and/or approval from a Federal or State regulatory agency indicating producer, identified in item I.1 of the certificate, manufactures fertilizer containing only fish derived animal origin ingredients.

**OR**

- Producer, identified in item I.1 of certificate, has been inspected by APHIS VS, within the previous 12 months, and found compliant with the requirements for the export of fish based fertilizer from the U.S. to Israel.

*3. Samples of the product have been examined on \_\_\_\_\_ and found free from salmonellae.  
[insert date of testing]*

**Exporter Responsibility:**

- Provide copy of laboratory report which includes:
  - a. Lot/batch number of product tested. This should match the lot/batch production reference number included in item I.6 on the certificate
  - b. Date product was tested. This date should be included in space provided in declaration IV.3
  - c. Test results indicating the product was tested for salmonellae with negative results.

*4. The products were <sup>(1)</sup>*

- a. Packaged in new packaging material; or*
- b. In case of dispatch as bulk transport, containers or any other means of transport were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by the competent authority; or*
- c. In the case of dispatch as bulk transport, containers were lined with new packaging material*

*(1) Delete as appropriate*

**Exporter Responsibility:**

- Exporter must export product packaged in compliance with one of the options approved by Israel,
- Exporter must line out product packaging options not utilized for the consignment,
- **IFF** declaration IV.2 is being endorsed based upon a valid certificate of inspection and/or approval from a Federal or State regulatory agency for the producer, identified in item I.1 of the certificate, **THEN**, the exporter must provide a notarized affidavit (drafted in accordance with APHIS VS NIES policy\*) including the exact packaging statement as it appears on the certificate,

- **IFF** declaration IV.2 is being endorsed by upon a APHIS VS inspection, conducted within the previous 12 months,  
**THEN** product must be packaged and certified only in compliance with a method(s) verified at the producers most recent inspection.

5. *The end product was stored in enclosed storage and has undergone precautions to avoid contamination with pathogenic agents after manufacture;*

**Exporter Responsibility:**

- **IFF** declaration IV.2 is being endorsed based upon a valid certificate of inspection and/or approval from a Federal or State regulatory agency for the producer, identified in item I.1 of the certificate,  
**THEN**, the exporter must provide a notarized affidavit (drafted in accordance with APHIS VS NIES policy\*) including this statement exactly as it appears on the certificate.
- **IFF** declaration IV.2 is being endorsed based upon a APHIS VS inspection, conducted within the previous 12 months,  
**THEN** product for manufactured for export to Israel must be handled in compliance with method(s) verified at the producers most recent inspection.

6. *To the best of my knowledge and belief, the consignment certified herein has not been exposed to radioactive contamination.*

**Exporter Responsibility:** Exporter must provide a notarized affidavit from the producer, identified in item I.1 of the certificate, (drafted in accordance with APHIS VS NIES policy\*) including this statement exactly as it appears on the certificate.

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\* Information regarding affidavit format may be obtain from APHIS Animal Products Export or VS Service Centers