

Egg Powder for Animal Consumption Option Two

This option is for egg powder for animal consumption in cases where the Japanese importer **has verified** that officials at the port of entry into Japan have agreed that alternative heat-treatment certification is acceptable. For more information on requirements when this verification has not been obtained, please go back to the previous page and select “Option one – use this option when the Japanese importer has not verified with the port of entry into Japan that heat processing certification is adequate to remove requirement for avian influenza certification.”

Verification Required from Japan

Prior to utilizing this option, the exporter must have their Japanese importer share with the Japanese government officials at the port through which the consignment will enter into Japan the draft certificate, replacing the italicized (green) text below with the actual minimum time/temperatures to which the lots to be exported are subjected. APHIS does not require the exporter to provide documentation of this agreement, but failure to obtain this verification prior to export means the consignment will likely not be allowed entry into Japan.

Consignment Certification Required

A VS Form 16-4 is required with the following exact text in the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS”. No additional text may be included. Notes: Red text may not be included on the VS Form 16-4. Italicized (green) text should be replaced by the referenced time/temperatures. No other text may be inserted.

Beginning of ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS =>>>>

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true.

Insert either:

For egg products with two stage heating process: [The egg products were produced from liquid egg heated at a minimum of *(insert minimum temperature)* for a minimum of

(insert minimum time) prior to drying at *(insert time/temperature as appropriate).*]

Or

For egg products with one stage heating process: [The egg products were heated at *(insert minimum temperature)* for a minimum of *(insert minimum time)*.]The egg products were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

<<<= End of ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS.

Documentation that Must be Submitted to the VS Area Office with the Drafted VS Form 16-4

Exporters must email to the APHIS office scans of the following documentation with the prepared VS Form 16-4:

- Affidavit from the egg powder producer verifying certificate content; and
- If the egg powder or source eggs/liquid egg was subjected to some of the heat processing included on the certificate at a different facility, affidavit from that facility and all facilities handling the ingredients between that heat treatment and export of the finished egg powder.

The affidavits do not become part of the VS Form 16-4 and are not sent to Japan with the shipment.

All affidavits must meet certain formatting criteria. Exporters should contact their local APHIS office for details.