

**Processed Animal Products for Research Purposes
(Such as Bovine Brain Acetone Powder)**

MAFF has notified APHIS that the only requirement for animal health certification for the import of processed animal products for research purposes, e.g., bovine brain acetone powder, is [The “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” sentence should only appear once on the VS Form 16-4 (it was pre-printed on versions preceding the JUL 2022 version). If the JUL 2022 version of the VS Form 16-4 is utilized, it should be the first sentence in the ADDITIONAL DECLARATION area.]:

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. 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.

The products were derived from clinically healthy animals.”

If products were derived from animals that passed post-mortem examination, then this statement may be made on a VS Form 16-4. Additional statements should not be added to the VS Form 16-4.

Exporters should be advised that their importers should contact Japanese port officials prior to shipment to confirm that all necessary documents are available and that the product will be allowed entry for its intended purpose.