

Cosmetics, Materials for Pharmaceutical Production, and Related Products

Containing NO Ruminant Origin Ingredients

No documentation from APHIS-VS is required for these products.

The following information is APHIS-VS' understanding of the requirements to import these products (either derived from no animal origin material or derived from animal origin material originating from animals other than ruminants) into Korea. These requirements are subject to change, and should be confirmed by exporters prior to exporting.

APHIS-VS is not directly involved in the export of these commodities to Korea. Exporters with questions about importing these materials to Korea may wish to contact the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) office in Seoul, Korea, at:

Phone: (011-82-2) 397-4188

Fax: (011-82-2) 720-7921

In Korea, cosmetics and all related products fall under the jurisdiction of the Korea Food and Drug Administration (KFDA). KFDA does not regulate finished pharmaceuticals, but regulates finished cosmetics, soaps, and products that may be used in the preparation of pharmaceuticals, e.g., empty gelatin capsules or ox bile.

The Korea Pharmaceutical Traders Association (KPTA) acts as a government agency by assisting Korean importers that wish to register their cosmetic products.

When an exporter exports these products, e.g., cosmetics, to Korea, the Korean importer needs to submit the following documents to KPTA prior to importing the product: (U.S. companies should work with their Korea importers to prepare these required documents to ensure that the documents meet all current requirements.)

1. Certificate of Manufacture must be notarized, be signed by the president of the manufacturing company, and include:

- Listing of product name according to International Cosmetics Ingredients Dictionary (ICID) published by Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association (CTFA - www.ctfa.org).
- Percentage of each ingredient and the percentage of total ingredients must be 100% when added up.
- The complete address of the manufacturing company and the name of the President of the manufacturing company.

2. Certificate of Free Sale (APHIS does not issue these certificates):

- Must be issued by a group such as the Department of Health Services (FDA) in the exporter's region or Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association (CTFA) in the U.S.
- The document must identify the product by the full name and to which country (Korea) the shipment is intended to be exported.
- The document must have a seal and the signature of the person issuing the Certificate.

3. BSE Free Certificate/ Non-use of Animal Derivatives Certificate must be notarized, **be signed by the president of the manufacturing company**, and include the following information:

- A. The product name.
- B. The lot number of the certified product.
- C. Ingredients, including the percentage of each ingredient and the percentage of total ingredients must be 100% when added up.
- D. The statement "The [insert name of product] does not contain any materials derived from ruminants."

Note- this certificate does not require government endorsement- no APHIS-VS certification is required for these products.