

Hydrolyzed Porcine Protein – Export to Korea

This protocol is intended to cover hydrolyzed porcine protein for export to Korea for use in animal feed.

The bilaterally negotiated certification statements included in this protocol are not to be amended or revised (with the exception of the information specifying the manufacturing facility). Statements must not be added or deleted without express permission from the Veterinary Services (VS) Animal Product Import and Export (APIE) staff. If an exporter has an official import permit from the Korean government with the required certification statements that differ from this protocol, they should provide an English translation of the document to their local VS Service Center. The VS Service Center will contact APIE for guidance. [NOTE: Exporters are not required to present a copy of an import permit from Korea as a condition for export of this commodity.]

In addition to the information provided herein, exporters are advised to follow the general instructions provided on the homepage of the International Animal Product Regulations (IREGs) for Korea. Export certificates **MUST** be endorsed **PRIOR** to shipping. **If the date on the shipping documents precedes the date of endorsement of the export health certificate, Korean officials will refuse entry.**

General Requirements for Exporters

1. Hydrolyzed porcine protein for export to Korea may only be derived from swine intestines or intestinal mucosa. Other porcine protein sources are not acceptable. The product may not contain or be contaminated with any protein from ruminants.
2. The manufacturing facility must hold an APHIS reference number. This APHIS reference number, as well as the name and address of the manufacturing facility, must be provided on the export health certificate. If an APHIS inspection is required to assign an APHIS reference number and/or to verify the facility's ability to comply with Korea's requirements, the bilaterally negotiated certification statements will serve as the basis for inspection.
3. Currently, the manufacturing facility must be inspected and approved by Korea. To initiate this process, the exporter should work with their importer in Korea to arrange for this inspection and approval. It is also recommended to contact the local VS Service Center who should inform APIE of this facility's request. APHIS Veterinary Services does not have control over the criteria utilized by Korea for inspection and approval of these manufacturing facilities and does not handle logistics for these inspections.
4. Upon notification by Korea of a facility approval, APIE will notify the pertinent VS Service Center and enter the facility information into an APHIS internal database. **A facility will only be eligible to export hydrolyzed porcine protein to Korea after Korea has acknowledged approval of the facility and the facility has been entered into the APHIS internal database.**

Certificate Instructions and Requirements

The exporter should prepare a notarized affidavit with the required certification statements noted under the notarized affidavit line below. If assistance is needed in preparing a proper notarized affidavit, please contact the local VS Service Center that will be endorsing the export certificates.

The following statements should be listed in the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS” section of the VS Form 16-4. All required disease freedom statements are already noted; do not add any additional statements.

The country or zone is free of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever and African swine fever.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [*company/manufacturer*] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The raw materials of the product are derived from animals slaughtered in the U.S. and were derived exclusively from intestine or intestinal mucosa of pigs subjected to USDA ante- and post- mortem veterinary inspections at approved slaughter establishments.
2. The raw materials were collected in a manner to prevent contamination with ruminant materials.
3. The product was produced and managed to prevent contamination by proteins derived from ruminants and sealed to prevent contamination from external sources.
4. The product does not contain any protein derived from ruminant materials.
5. The product was produced in the U.S. and on equipment dedicated for the production of hydrolyzed protein of porcine intestines or intestinal mucosa at a facility registered with APHIS or USDA [*insert name, address and APHIS reference number of manufacturing facility*].
6. The product was produced, stored and transported in such a manner to prevent contamination by communicable animal disease pathogens transmissible through the product.
7. The product was heat processed to a minimum temperature of 80 ° C.
8. The product is intended for use in animal feed.

In the “PRODUCT” section of the VS Form 16-4, the gross weight and net weight will be provided for the certified product. The product must be identified as “porcine protein derived from swine intestine or intestinal mucosa”.

Remember to include the date of shipment on all certificates for Korea.