

Balanced Animal Feeds and Pet Foods (Except Dog and Cat Foods) Containing Animal Products for Export to Mexico

Mexico SENASICA requires certain traceability information for animal products offered for importation. For balanced animal feeds for animal species not including dogs and cats, the export certificate should present the product lot number in the identification block. For each lot, the production date, the packing or shipment date, and the expiry date should be presented in a supplemental declaration from the exporting company. This exporter's declaration must be cross referenced to the certificate, and show lot numbers as well as the name of the official, their position within the company (acceptable examples: owner, president, quality control manager) and signature. The original and a copy of the supplemental declaration are required at the time of presentation of the product.

Be advised that SENASICA currently has 4 sets of import requirements (HRZ's) to cover balanced/complete animal feeds from the United States, as follows:

- HRZ 098-14-1118-USA-USA for balanced pet foods intended for dogs and cats,
- HRZ 098-14-85-USA-USA for balanced animal feeds for other species,
- HRZ 099-14-2406-USA-USA for balanced animal feeds that contain no animal-origin ingredients and that are not required to be registered or authorized, and
- HRZ 099-14-2407-USA-USA for balanced animal feeds that contain no animal-origin ingredients but that are required to be registered and/or authorized.

Exporters should be encouraged to ensure that importer has provided the correct HRZ.

Mexico does not allow ruminant meal ingredients from either the United States or Canada; however, will allow such meals if derived from Australia or New Zealand. APHIS Veterinary Services must verify that there exists a system providing assurances that the ruminant meal ingredients are derived from Australia or New Zealand and that these meals are managed in such a way as to prevent contamination from unauthorized ruminant meals. SENASICA Mexico has advised that raw porcine or poultry meat ingredients are not required to originate from a SAGARPA-approved plant.

In the event that the animal feed/pet food product was manufactured with approved meals and, at the time of product certification, the rendering plant that supplied the meals is no longer approved, the VS field office should notify Animal Products Permitting and Negotiation Services (export products). Mexican border officials will be alerted that the source meals derive from a plant that no longer appears in their database but that the animal feed/pet food product should be considered enterable.

For the certification of concentrates and balanced animal feeds that do not contain animal product ingredients, the VS field office should issue a letterhead certificate attesting to the animal health status of the United States and that the product does not contain animal-origin ingredients. Fish meal or vitamins and minerals authorized or registered by Mexico are exempted.

The following bilingual certification statements should be provided in the Additional Declarations section of the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A as needed. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services. The exporter should be encouraged to get an appropriate import requirements sheet (HRZ) reflecting these requirements.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements. / *Esta oficina mantiene en archivo una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía], que verifica la exactitud de las siguientes declaraciones.*

1. The animal-origin ingredients used to manufacture balanced animal feeds derive from animals subjected to official inspection. / *La materia prima con la que se elaboró el alimento balanceado procede de animales sujetos a inspección oficial.*

2. Animal-origin ingredients derive from animals that were not slaughtered to eradicate animal disease epidemics. / *Los animales de los que procede la materia prima no fueron sacrificados para erradicar epidemias.*

(Certify as appropriate if the product contains bovine ingredients. / *Si el producto contiene insumos de origen bovino, certifique según corresponda.*)

3. The product contains bovine origin ingredients that comply with the following: / *El producto contiene insumos de origen bovino, los cuales cumplen con lo siguiente:*

a. The product contains contains milk, milk proteins, gelatin and collagen (exclusively prepared from hides and skins), and de-proteinized tallow (with up to 0.15% of insoluble impurities). / *El producto contiene leche, proteínas de leche, gelatina y colágeno (obtenidos exclusivamente de cueros y pieles), y sebo desproteinado (con no más de 0.15% de impurezas insolubles).*

b. Bovine raw materials used in the manufacture of the product originated from the United States, or were imported legally from countries that have been classified by the OIE as negligible risk with respect to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), Canada or Mexico. Indicate countries _____. / *Las materias primas de origen bovino con las que se elaboró el producto son originarias de los Estados Unidos de América o se importaron legalmente de países clasificados por la Organización Mundial de Sanidad Animal (OIE) de riesgo insignificante respecto a Encefalopatía Espongiforme Bovina (EEB), o Canadá o México. Indicar el país del cual fue importado.*

(Certify the following as appropriate if the product contains animal product meals (porcine, poultry and excluding fish meals, or ovine and/or caprine meals imported from Australia or New Zealand). / *Si el producto contiene harinas de origen animal (porcino, ave, se excluyen las harinas de pescado, o harinas de ovinos y/o caprinos importados legalmente de Australia o Nueva Zelanda), certifique lo siguiente cuando corresponda.*)

4. The product contains animal origin meals (porcine or avian meals, ovine or caprine meals derived from materials imported legally from Australia and/or New Zealand, excluding fish meals) that meet the following conditions: / *El producto contiene*

harinas de origen animal (porcina o aviar, harinas de ovino o caprino derivadas de materiales importados legalmente de Australia y/o Nueva Zelandia. Se excluyen las harinas de pescado), las cuales cumplen los siguientes requisitos:

a. The porcine or poultry meals derive from the following rendering plants approved by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food.

_____. (List the reference numbers of the facilities approved by SAGARPA.) / *Las harinas de origen avícola o porcícola proceden de plantas de rendimiento aprobadas por la Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA), señalando el número de aprobación SAGARPA de las plantas de rendimiento.*

b. Ovine or caprine meals were derived from materials imported legally from Australia and/or New Zealand, countries considered free of scrapie and negligible risk for BSE. / *Las harinas de origen caprino y/o ovino se derivaron de materiales importados legalmente de Australia y/o Nueva Zelanda, países considerados libres de scrapie y de riesgo insignificante para la EEB.*

Note: APHIS VS will validate that an appropriate system of traceability is in place in order to certify this statement.

c. Tissues were processed to a minimum temperature of 80°C. Maximum moisture in the meal does not exceed 10% at the exit of the cooker. / *Los tejidos fueron sometidos a una temperatura mayor a 80°C y la humedad no excede del 10% a la salida del cocedor.*

(Certify as appropriate if the product contains bovine meat, viscera or offal. / *Si el producto contiene carne, vísceras y/o despojos, de origen bovino, certifique según corresponda.*)

5. The product contains bovine meat, viscera and/or offal meeting the following: / *El producto contiene carne, viscera y/o despojos de origen bovino los cuales cumplen con lo siguiente:*

a. The bovine meat, viscera and/or offal originated in the United States of America and/or were legally imported from Canada or Mexico. / *La carne bovina, vísceras y/o despojos son originarios de los Estados Unidos y/o fueron legalmente importada de Canadá o México.*

b. The bovine meat, viscera and/or offal ingredients were processed to a minimum internal temperature of 70°C for at least 30 minutes. / *Los insumos de carne, vísceras y/o despojos bovinos fueron sometidos a un tratamiento térmico de al menos 70°C durante por lo menos 30 minutos en la parte interna del producto.*

6. The plant where the balanced [animal feed][pet food] was made keeps records of each lot of animal-origin ingredients and sales records of all lots of finished feed product. / *El establecimiento en el que se elaboran los alimentos balanceados [para consumo animal] [para mascotas] cuenta con registros de cada uno de los lotes de la materia prima adquirida y registros de ventas de los alimentos balanceados.*

(Certify as appropriate if product contains ovine or caprine ingredients. / *Si el producto contiene insumos de origen ovino o caprino, certifique según corresponda.*)

7. The product contains ovine or caprine ingredients derived from [materials or animals legally imported from Australia or New Zealand] [U.S. animals] [legally imported Canadian materials or animals.] / *El producto contiene ingredientes de origen ovino o caprino derivados de [materiales o animales legalmente importados de Australia o Nueva Zelanda] [animales de EUA] [materiales o animales legalmente importados de Canadá].*

Note: APHIS VS will require evidence that no ruminant meals of U.S. or Canadian origin are used.

(Certify as appropriate, if the product contains avian/poultry ingredients. / *Si el producto contiene insumos aviares, certifique según corresponda.*)

8. [The product was derived from poultry which originated from a country free of the velogenic form of Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza. / *El producto se originó de aves procedentes de un país libre de la enfermedad de Newcastle forma velogénica y de influenza aviar de alta patogenicidad.*]

Or / *O bien*

8. [The product contains poultry/avian origin ingredients that were processed to [a minimum temperature of 60°C for at least 10 minutes] [a minimum internal temperatura of 70°C] [canned (hermetically sealed) product was treated to an F₀ of 3.0 or more.] / *El producto contiene insumos de origen aviar los cuales fueron sometidos [a una temperatura mayor a 60°C por un tiempo no menor de 10 minutos] [a una temperatura interna de 70°C] [el producto enlatado ha sido tratado en empaques herméticamente sellados con un F₀ de 3.0 o mayor.]*

(Certify as appropriate if the product contains porcine ingredients. / *Si el producto contiene insumos de origen porcino, certifique según corresponda.*

9. [The product was derived from swine which originated from a country free of classical swine fever, African swine fever and foot-and-mouth disease. / *El producto se originó de porcinos procedentes de un país libre de fiebre porcina clásica, fiebre porcina africana y fiebre aftosa.*]

Or, *O bien*

9. [The product contains porcine-origin ingredients that were processed to a minimum temperature of [69°C for at least 30 minutes] [80.5°C for at least 3 minutes] [70°C internal temperature] [canned (hermetically sealed) products was treated to an F₀ and reached 3.0 or more]. / *El producto contiene insumos de origen porcino los cuales fueron sometidos a una temperatura mayor a [69°C por un tiempo no menor a 30 minutos][80.5°C por no menos de 3 minutos] [a una temperatura interna de por lo menos 70°C] [el producto enlatado ha sido tratado en empaques herméticamente sellados con un F₀ de 3.0 o mayor].*

10. The product is freely traded in the country of origin. / *El producto se comercializa libremente en el país de origen.*