

Balanced Feeds for Rodents (Research) Containing Animal Products for Export to Mexico

Mexico SENASICA requires certain traceability information for animal products offered for importation. For balanced animal feeds intended for laboratory animal species such as rodents and that include animal products (apiculture, avian, bovine, caprine, equine, ovine, porcine), 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.

This combination of "balanced food for rodents (research)" only applies to importation for diets that will be evaluated in the investigation itself, whose special formulation does not make them eligible to be registered by the Directorate of Services and Livestock Certification, and only the importation of quantities justified with the mathematical model and the destination are permitted institutions that carry out scientific research and does not apply to commercial maintenance diets with SAGARPA registration or with SAGARPA registration exemption document.

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 product originates from the country indicated in this document as the country of origin. / *El producto es originario del país indicado en este documento como de origen.*
2. The raw materials used in the manufacture of the product originate from the country indicated in this document as the country of origin, or were legally imported _____. (Indicate countries) / *La materia prima es originaria del país indicado en este documento como de origen, o bien fue importada legalmente, indicando el país del cual fue importada.*
3. The product was processed and stored in establishments under official supervision of the competent authority for animal feeds. / *El producto se procesó y almacenó en establecimientos bajo control sanitario oficial.*

4. The plant where the balanced animal feed was made keeps records of each lot of animal-origin ingredients and sales records of all lots of finished feeds. / *El establecimiento en el que se elaboran los alimentos balanceados cuenta con registros de cada uno de los lotes de la materia prima adquirida y registros de ventas de los alimentos balanceados.*
5. The product is approved for use in feeding laboratory animals (rodents, guinea pigs, gerbils, hamsters). / *El producto está aprobado para consumo por animales de laboratorio (roedores, cobayos, jerbos, hamsters).*
6. No ruminant proteins other than dairy or milk proteins were used in the manufacture of the product. / *En la elaboración del producto no se incluyó proteína de rumiante excepto leche y/o proteínas de leche.*
7. The animal-origin ingredients were heat processed or subjected to pasteurization or commercial sterilization, indicating minimal time and temperature. _____ (time) and _____ (temperature). / *Los insumos de origen animal fueron sometidos a un proceso térmico indicando tiempos y temperaturas, o bien, pasteurización o esterilización comercial indicando tiempos y temperaturas.*