Export to Malaysia: Mixed Species Meat and Bone Meal (MBM)

This information pertains to U.S. origin mixed species MBM* manufactured in U.S. rendering facilities (pure ruminant origin MBM is addressed separately). The raw materials used to produce the rendered protein should be primarily of ruminant and poultry origin only. *Other species are acceptable except for porcine materials. If exclusion of porcine materials cannot be totally guaranteed, the quantity of porcine materials in the mixed species MBM should be minute. Pure poultry meals are not covered under these requirements.

The animal health authorities of Malaysia have agreed to accept U.S. origin mixed species MBM if certified as described herein. Except as noted in this information, no changes can be made to these bilaterally negotiated certification statements (including addition or deletion of information) without permission from the APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Animal Products Exports Staff.

Other requirements for entry of mixed species MBM into Malaysia are not known. U.S. exporters are encouraged to work closely with their Malaysian importers to determine if an import permit is needed; if the product must be registered with the Malaysian authorities; or if other entry requirements must be met.

Facility Approval

Ruminant or mixed species MBM facilities exporting to Malaysia must have an APHIS number. To obtain and keep an APHIS number, the exporting facility must be inspected annually by APHIS. Interested facilities should contact the VS Area Office that covers the State where the facility is located.

The inspection checklist that will be used specifically for Malaysia is posted on the International Animal Product Regulations (IREGs) for Malaysia (see link entitled "Ruminant MBM/Mixed Species MBM Facility Inspection Checklist"). If your facility holds a current APHIS approval for another country, and the VS Area Office has the requisite knowledge to answer the questions on the checklist, an initial inspection may be waived. The inspection checklist must be completed by an APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer, however, and submitted to Animal Products Exports Staff. Please contact your VS Area Office for more information about the process and/or to schedule an inspection of your facility.

Please note that while a facility inspection is required, export certificates will still be endorsed on the basis of a notarized affidavit (see Export Certification Process, below).

Export Certification Process

1. Exporters should contact the pertinent VS Service Center for assistance. Contact information for the VS Field Operations Veterinary Export Trade Services is available through the APHIS website at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/

2. Exporters must provide the endorsing VS Service Center with a notarized affidavit that includes the six (6) certification statements that will be endorsed on the basis of a notarized affidavit. The affidavit should be signed by a company official who has the necessary knowledge and authority to make the statements. If the exporter is not the manufacturer, the manufacturer should provide an affidavit to the exporter to support the statements provided by the exporter.
3. The VS Service Center may require additional documentation or a facility inspection, as needed, as conditions for endorsing the export certificate.
4. The product must be exported on the fillable VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products" which is available on the homepage of the VS International Animal Product Regulations (IREGs).
5. The exporter should complete the certificate according to the instructions provided below and submit to the VS Service Center. Questions or concerns about costs for the service (user fees); how to submit the export certificate; or the certification process should be directed to the endorsing VS Service Center.

Export Certfication Requirements

As noted in "4" above, exporters must use the VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products". Both the VS 16-4 and the VS 16-4A (continuation page), as well as general instructions, can be accessed from the home page of the Animal Product IREGs: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/iregs-for-animal-product-exports/ct_iregs_animal_product_exports_home .

A. The following certification statements must be included in the "Additional Declaration" section of the VS Form 16-4. The first statements pertaining to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and disease freedom of the United States are direct attestations and it must not be included under the affidavit line.

> Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) is a mandatory reportable disease in the United States, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has an active BSE surveillance program. Animals detected as positive for BSE through surveillance are destroyed and excluded from slaughter for human consumption or processing for meat-and-bone meal.
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> 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.
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> The office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:
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> 1. The raw materials used to produce the rendered protein are of ruminant or mixed species origin.
> 2. The product was manufactured in a facility or facilities authorized by the official competent authority of the United States to produce rendered meals for animal feed.

3. The rendered protein was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations, including removal of brains and spinal cords from cattle over 30 months of age; and the product may be freely sold in the United States.
4. The rendered product has been sufficiently heat processed to ensure destruction of microbiological pathogens of concern.
5. The product was handled after treatment in a manner designed to prevent contamination.
6. The product originates from a rendering plant that is a member of the Animal Protein Producers Industry (APPI), and the product has been subjected to microbiological testing in accordance with the APPI protocol in an APPI approved laboratory OR
6. The product was subjected to routine microbiological testing in a laboratory acceptable to the USDA, APHIS.*

*Only the applicable statement #6 should be used.

B. If requested, the exporter should be able to provide documentation to the endorsing VS Service Center to support statement #6 relative to APPI membership and microbiological testing of product in accordance with the APPI protocol. If the manufacturing facility is not an APPI member, the exporter should be able to provide documentation regarding frequency of microbiological testing of the product and the results.
C. In the "Product" section of the VS 16-4, the exporter should describe the product as "mixed species MBM." Identification of the species is optional. If the product is derived primarily from ruminant and poultry raw materials, but complete exclusion of porcine materials cannot be guaranteed, the product could be described as "Mixed species MBM: primarily ruminant and poultry."