

Requirements of Peru for the Registration of Facilities Exporting Animal Products

For many products, the Animal Health Division of SENASA (National Agricultural Health Service) requires that exporting facilities must be registered. This registration requirement pertains to facilities exporting products for animal feeding, including porcine blood products, hydrolyzed or enzymatically digested poultry viscera, rendered porcine and poultry meals, egg products, bovine and bison hides and skins, and others as they get added. It does not currently apply to pet foods.

Facility registration with SENASA is valid for 3 years, but APHIS facility inspection is required annually.

Generally the submission of a package that includes the following:

- Copy of the establishment's official authorization issued by competent authority in the United States
- Process flow document - this document should contain the name of the facility, the product type, a production flow diagram, and the processing parameters used (e.g. time/temperature) used in the relevant steps.
- Copy of certification procedures used for HACCP (hazard analysis critical control points) or equivalent (such as a Food Safety Plan) for the products to be exported.

If the product will be certified by APHIS:

- An export certificate "For Registration Purposes" that attests to compliance with the animal health requirements for the product.

APHIS VS can facilitate the registration of facilities requiring APHIS certification as follows:

- Facility official will work with the APHIS VS Service Center to schedule facility inspection. Once inspection is complete, facility official will coordinate with APHIS VS Service Center to complete registration package.
- APHIS VS Service Center will send the package to Product Exports HQ for final review.
- Once Product Exports HQ confirms the registration package contains the information required by SENASA, Product Exports HQ will deliver the package to SENASA accompanied with an official note stating we aware the facility is seeking registration and that the facility has gone through the steps necessary for the export certificate described above.
- Product Exports HQ will update internal records when facility registration approval letter is received from SENASA.

Additional evaluation by SENASA may be required in the event of any discrepancies found during the registration process.

APHIS facility inspection is required annually and the inspection questionnaire must be submitted to Product Exports HQ in order to maintain approval for export to Peru. However, the complete registration package must be submitted to SENASA only every three years.

Shipment of the product requires an import permit which can only be issued after the facility has been successfully registered. The product must be accompanied by an appropriate export certificate.