

Exporter Guidance:
Veterinary Certificate for the export of Products Containing Dairy and Egg from the United States to South Africa

The certificate, *Veterinary Certificate for the export of Products Containing Dairy and Egg from the United States to South Africa* may only be used for the export of protein drinks / supplements for human consumption containing **both** dairy and egg ingredients.

The Declarations in section IV are being endorsed based upon U.S. government regulatory controls, oversight and certification and the U.S. disease status. These declarations may **not** be endorsed based upon a notarized affidavit.

- A. The following documents for the commodity (protein drink/ supplement) being exported and the animal origin ingredients must accompany the completed *Veterinary Certificate for the export of Products Containing Dairy and Egg from the United States to South Africa* (SA VC) when it is submitted to the Veterinary Services Area Office for endorsement
1. **Sanitary Certificate(s)** issued by a U.S. competent health authority (e.g. Agricultural Marketing Service, Food and Drug Administration, State Department of Health or State Dairy Board) that include the following information & statements:
 - a. Manufacturer identification (name, address and approval number) – this information must be the same as the manufacturer (name, address) included in item I.A. on the SA VC;
 - b. Commodity (protein drink / supplement) being exported – name of the commodity (protein drink or supplement) must be the same as the commodity (protein drink / supplement) identified for export in item I.B of the SA VC;
 - i. The lot number of the processed egg product included in the protein drink or supplement must be included, **in parenthesis**, in the identification of the commodity being exported.
NOTE: the inclusion of this information is for APHIS VS purposes only
 - c. Processing / pasteurization statement – certification the dairy product(s) / ingredient(s) included in the commodity (protein drink/ supplement) for export received a pasteurization treatment or have been subjected to pasteurization;
 - i. The exact pasteurization process parameters (time & temperature or pH) the dairy product(s) / ingredient(s) included in the commodity (protein drink/ supplement) for export were subjected to must be included **IF** a specific pasteurization / processing option (a. - c.) is selected on the SA VC.
 - d. The following **exact** statements:
 - i. *The product was manufactured in facilities inspected and approved by the competent authority and subjected to regular audits or inspections aimed at ensuring that the processing is properly and hygienically carried out, to produce a product that is fit for human consumption,*
AND, EITHER
 - ii. *To the best of our [my] knowledge the products contains no harmful levels of contaminants [additives];*
OR
 - iii. *The products do not, to the best of my [our] knowledge and belief, contain any harmful additive [contaminants];*
 2. **FSIS Form PY-200, Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate** issued by the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, that includes the following information:
 - a. Applicant – should identify the manufacturer / producer (name and address, including zip code)
 - b. Name and Address of Receiver or Buyer – this information must be identified and be the same as the name and address of facility / manufacturer identified on Sanitary Certificate (described in item 1. above) manufacturing the commodity (protein drink/ supplement) for export
 - c. Type of product – the type of processed egg product should be identified in this area
 - d. Lot Number – must be identified

The manufacturer must work with FSIS to obtain information and make arrangements for the FSIS inspector to include and certify the processing time and temperatures the egg or egg products were subjected to on the PY-200.

NOTE: APHIS VS is not involved in this process.

- c. **Newcastle disease** certification requirements – items IV.C options 3 **or** 4
- i. Certification of country or zone freedom from Newcastle disease **or** the egg product(s) was/were treated to a time and temperatures suitable for the inactivation of Newcastle disease virus, as defined by the OIE, in eggs and egg products;
 - ii. APHIS VS may certify the egg product has been treated to a time and temperature suitable for the inactivation of Newcastle disease in eggs and egg products (option #4) **only** when the **FSIS Form PY-200, Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate** includes the following information:
 - type of [egg] product – this information must be consistent with the type of products identified in item IV.C.2 a through e, **and**
 - processing time and temperatures – the processing parameters listed on the PY-200 must meet or exceed the time and temperature processing requirements listed on the SA VC for the type of [egg] product included in the commodity (protein drink or supplement) being exported.
- The manufacturer must work with FSIS to obtain information on what will be required in order for their inspectors to include and certify the specific processing time and temperatures the egg or egg products were subjected to on the PY-200.
- NOTE: APHIS VS is not involved in this process.**
- d. **Salmonella** certification requirement – item IV.C.5
- i. This statement may be endorsed by APHIS VS based upon the certification statement included on the PY-200 indicating the egg product is compliant with 9 CFR 590.

C. Reminders & additional Information: VS - Export Products Policies etc.

- a. Letterhead Certificates may not be edited, altered, or amended, except as directed on the IREGS or in the Guidance documents.
- b. Exporters are responsible for confirming, **prior to shipment**, that they have all certification required for the consignment.
- c. Most countries will not accept certificates issued after consignments have shipped; exporter should obtain any required certificates prior to shipping.
- d. Exporters should contact the VS Area Office with jurisdiction in the area the production facility or exporter is located, with any questions or concerns.