

## Artemia to Thailand

This information pertains to U.S. origin artemia and artemia cysts.

The animal health authorities of Thailand (Department of Fisheries [DOF]) have agreed to accept U.S. origin artemia and artemia cysts. Except as noted in this information, no changes may be made to these bilaterally negotiated certification statements (including addition or deletion of information) without permission from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) Animal Product Export trade negotiations staff. Note that the livestock disease freedom statement does NOT need to be included on this certificate.

Please review the information below regarding facility approval. Other requirements for the entry of artemia and artemia cysts into Thailand are not known. U.S. exporters are encouraged to work closely with their Thai importers to determine if an import permit is needed; if the product must be registered with Thai authorities; or if other entry requirements must be met.

### **FACILITY APPROVAL**

Only facilities that have been inspected and approved by Thailand's DOF or otherwise approved by Thailand are eligible to export. While APHIS VS trade negotiations staff maintains a list of artemia facilities approved by Thailand within the APHIS internal database, APHIS inspection and approval may not be required. Certification statement #4 can be met by inspection by APHIS or another government agency. After verification of facility approval, APHIS VS certification of these commodities for export will be done on the basis of a notarized affidavit.

### **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Artemia and artemia cysts from approved facilities must be certified for export to Thailand using the VS Form 16-4 "Export Certificate for Animal Products." A fillable version of this form can be accessed via a link on the home page of the [IREGS](#).

Exporters should work with their pertinent VS Service Center to ensure the export documents are properly and thoroughly completed. Exporters will need to provide a supporting notarized affidavit to the endorsing VS Service Center.

To verify compliance with statement #1, most recent testing results should be submitted with the certificate.

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The following statements must be provided in the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS” section of the VS Form 16-4:

*This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company/manufacturer] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.*

- 1. The certified product is free from white spot syndrome virus (WSSV), infectious myonecrosis virus (IMNV), Macrobratium rosenbergii nodavirus (MrNV), Enterocytozoon hepatopenaei (EHP), and Vibrio parahaemolyticus (VPAHPND).*
- 2. The certified product is produced and packed in facilities that are not under national control measures due to animal health or unexpected deaths or emerging diseases.*
- 3. The certified product is not derived from animals intended to be killed under a national program for the eradication of diseases.*
- 4. The certified product originated from production and packaging sites inspected by a competent government authority and complies with national laws.*

In the “PRODUCT” section of the VS Form 16-4, the type of product and animal species of origin should be identified.