Porcine Blood Products for Animal Consumption
(not including rendered products)

Taiwan prohibits the importation of processed blood products for animal consumption from the United States, unless the products are produced at facilities approved by USDA-APHIS as compliant with the Porcine Origin Verification Program (POVP) for the export of non-rendered porcine blood products to Taiwan.

For information on how to become POVP approved, facilities should contact the APHIS Area Office responsible for the state in which the processing plant is located.

Prior to endorsement of export certificates for the export of processed porcine blood products (e.g. spray dried porcine plasma) the APHIS Area Office will verify that the exporter has the necessary approval. Certification requirements vary, depending on whether or not the facility is approved by APHIS as "dedicated to receiving, storing, and processing no animal origin materials other than porcine blood."

I.   **Export Certification Requirements for Products from Facilities Dedicated to Handling NO Animal Origin Materials other than Porcine Materials**

Shipments must be accompanied by a valid endorsed VS Form 16-4. When preparing the VS Form 16-4, the exporter should:

A. Add the following text to the "Additional Declaration" area:

The below described porcine blood product was processed under the requirements of the Porcine Origin Verification Program (POVP) at the following facility, a premise which is under the supervision of the United States government: *[insert name and address of processing/exporting facility in the US]* in the United States.

The products originate from animals that were born, raised and slaughtered, or legally imported into the United States.

The products originate from animals that may originate in the U.S., Canada and/or Mexico.

This facility has been approved by APHIS as meeting all criteria of the POVP. The production facility does not handle any animal origin materials other than porcine blood. The products are handled in such a way as to prevent contamination with pathogenic microorganisms or any other animal origin materials; and were not derived from cattle, sheep, goats, or other animals susceptible to bovine spongiform encephalopathy from areas officially declared by the Ministry of Agriculture as bovine spongiform encephalopathy infected areas.

B. Specify the specific port of exit from the United States in the "PORT" section.
C. Include the following minimum information in the "PRODUCT" block:

- Product name: *[insert product name]*
- Product manufacturing date(s): *[insert manufacturing date(s)]*
- The precise quantity and weight of items exported, including a description of packaging. A "total" weight is not acceptable, if items are individually packaged. Taiwan is looking for descriptions such as the following: **"500 pounds dry dog food (10 5-pound bags, 1 50-pound bag, and 4 100-pound bags)"**

D. Specify the lot numbers exported in the "IDENTIFICATION" block.
E. Specify the ship or flight number in the "CONVEYANCE" block.

II. Export Certification Requirements for Products from Facilities that Receive, Store, or Process Animal Origin Materials other than Porcine Materials

Shipments must be accompanied by a valid endorsed VS Form 16-4.

Prior to completion of the VS Form 16-4, the exporter must have each lot to be exported tested for the presence of ruminant protein. Copies of lot specific laboratory reports must be submitted to the VS Area Office with the VS Form 16-4 that support the information on the VS Form 16-4.

When preparing the VS Form 16-4, the exporter should:

A. Add the following text to the "Additional Declaration" area:

The below described porcine blood product was processed under the requirements of the Porcine Origin Verification Program (POVP) at the following facility, a premise which is under the supervision of the United States government: *[insert name and address of processing/exporting facility in the US]* in the United States.

The products originate from animals that were born, raised and slaughtered, or legally imported into the United States.

The products originate from animals that may originate in the U.S., Canada and/or Mexico.

This facility has been approved by APHIS as meeting all criteria of the POVP. The porcine blood is transported in vehicles dedicated to the transport of porcine blood that ensures that no other animal origin materials or other organic matter remains.

Each lot of product has been tested for the presence of ruminant protein with the following results:
Lot number: *[insert lot numbers exported]*
Name and date of test: *[insert name of test performed and date of test]*
Result: *[insert result- must indicate the absence of ruminant protein]*

The products are handled in such a way as to prevent contamination with pathogenic microorganisms or any other animal origin materials; and were not derived from cattle, sheep, goats, or other animals susceptible to bovine spongiform encephalopathy from areas officially declared by the Ministry of Agriculture as bovine spongiform encephalopathy infected areas.

B. Specify the specific port of exit from the United States in the "PORT" section.
C. Include the following minimum information in the "PRODUCT" block:

- Product name: *[insert product name]*
- Product manufacturing date(s): *[insert manufacturing date(s)]*
- The precise quantity and weight of items exported, including a description of packaging. A "total" weight is not acceptable, if items are individually packaged. Taiwan is looking for descriptions such as the following: **"500 pounds dry dog food (10 5-pound bags, 1 50-pound bag, and 4 100-pound bags)"**

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