

Bovine Hides

*****NOTE: Exporters must follow these instructions for certificates being endorsed for export to Korea on or before February 26, 2008. Export certificates (VS Form 16-4) which are officially endorsed AFTER February 26, 2008 (i.e., dated February 27, 2008 or later) **MUST** comply with new requirements which become effective February 27, 2008. Please note that the effective dates apply to the date of endorsement on the VS Form 16-4.**

APHIS' information is that hides may be exported to Korea with a VS Form 16-4 with the below statements. No other certification statements may be included on the VS 16-4 for the export of bovine hides to Korea.

Exporters **MUST** be advised that Veterinary Services cannot be sure that this certificate will be accepted, and that they should have their importers confirm prior to shipment that the language is acceptable.

These shipments will be subject to quarantine in Korea (usually takes less than a day- but may take up to two weeks).

Certificate language for hides and similar commodities: [Please see NOTE above. This certification language **MUST be used for certificates endorsed on or before February 26, 2008. It must **NOT** be used for certificates endorsed on February 27, 2008, or later.]**

The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease and swine vesicular disease for 2 years; rinderpest, peste des petits ruminants, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, Rift Valley fever, sheep pox, African swine fever, and lumpy skin disease for 3 years prior to export. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in the United States.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The products for export were derived from animals born and raised in the United States or from animals that were resident in the United States for at least 3 months.

The products for export contain animal origin ingredients derived from animals that were presented for examination at slaughterhouses approved by the competent government authority and evaluated favorably for inclusion in the certified materials, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin.

Precautions have been taken during production, process, storage, and transportation to prevent contamination of the animal products with communicable animal disease pathogens.

Raw Hides and Skins of Cloven-Hoofed Animals* Export to Korea

***Raw hides of cloven-hoofed animals include fresh, salted, pickled or dried hides derived from cattle, pigs, sheep, and goats. It excludes completely tanned skins and hides.**

Effective Date: Export certificates dated February 27, 2008 or later for raw hides and skins of cloven-hoofed animals (hereafter referred to as “hides”) must meet these requirements. The certification statements defined herein may NOT be used for export certificates dated February 26, 2008, or earlier.

NOTE: Export certificates MUST be endorsed PRIOR to shipping. If the date on the shipping documents precedes the date of endorsement of the export certificate, Korea will refuse entry. APHIS will not be able to facilitate the release of any shipment refused entry because the products were shipped before the export certificate was endorsed.

- The following certification statements must be provided in the ADDITIONAL DECLARATION section of the VS Form 16-4, Health Certificate-Export Certificate-Animal Products (see pdf link entitled “Raw Hides of Cloven-Hoofed Animals” for a sample VS 16-4):

“The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and African swine fever for over 2 years prior to shipping. This office has on file a notarized affidavit from _____(exporting company) verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The products for export contain animal origin ingredients derived from animals that were presented for examination by government veterinarians at slaughterhouses approved by the competent government authority and evaluated favorably for inclusion in the certified materials, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin. These hides originate from _____ (species of origin) animals.”

- The above certification statements are part of a bilateral agreement with Korea. These statements cannot be altered and NO additional certification statements may be included on the VS 16-4.
- The exporter must provide the endorsing APHIS VS Area Office with a current, properly notarized affidavit that includes the certification statements following the affidavit line. The endorsing APHIS VS Area Office can provide information to exporters, as needed, on the preparation of a proper notarized affidavit.

- All sections of the VS 16-4 must be completed. The following bullets identify the information Korea has indicated must be provided regarding product name, quantity, identification, and shipping.
- The following information must be included on the VS 16-4 in the “Product” section:
 - Name of product
 - Number of packages
 - Number of pieces
 - Gross weight
 - Net weight
- The following information must be included on the VS 16-4 in the “Identification” section:
 - Individual lot number(s)
 - Container seal number(s)
 - Container number(s)
 - Shipping date
- The name of the vessel or aircraft should be provided in the “Conveyance” section.
- The port from which the hides will be shipped MUST be identified. Korea will not accept “any US port” in this section.
- As stated above, Korea will not accept shipments if the products were certified AFTER the date of shipment. Export certificates must be dated with the actual date of endorsement. APHIS cannot pre-date or post-date certificates. Exporters are encouraged to work with their VS Area Offices on all certification issues, including options for ensuring that export certificates are complete and endorsed prior to actual date of shipping.
- Shipments will be subject to quarantine in Korea (usually less than one day, but may take up to 2 weeks).

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE
EXPORT CERTIFICATE
ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

PORT
DATE
AND NO.

This certificate is for Veterinary purposes only. It is valid for 30 days after the date of signature (in the case of transport by ship or rail, the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage).

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.

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and African swine fever for over 2 years prior to shipping. This office has on file a notarized affidavit from _____ (exporting company) verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The products for export contain animal origin ingredients derived from animals that were presented for examination by government veterinarians at slaughterhouses approved by the competent government authority and evaluated favorably for inclusion in the certified materials, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin. These hides originate from

_____ (species of origin) animals.

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(SIGNATURE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL)

(TYPED NAME)

(TITLE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL)

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

PRODUCT (quantity, unit of measure, and kind)

name of the product:

number of packs:

gross weight:

number of pieces:

net weight:

IDENTIFICATION

individual lot number(s):

container seal number(s):

container number(s):

shipping date:

CONVEYANCE

Name of vessel or aircraft:

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