

Non-Ruminant Origin Blood Products Not Intended for Human or Animal Consumption

Blood products include whole blood, serum, plasma, other components of blood such as albumin and globulin, and their derivatives.

Non-ruminant origin blood products not intended for human or animal consumption are exempt from Korea's BSE ban on blood products. These products should be certified using a VS Form 16-4, Health Certificate-Export Certificate-Animal Products, as described below. No additional certification statements should be added by the exporter or endorsed by APHIS.

I. Blood from animals other than cloven-hoofed animals

(Examples of materials covered here include blood products derived from rabbits, mice, and horses.)

This office has on file an affidavit from [insert name of company], verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

- 1) The materials described below* were derived from [insert animal species of origin], a non-ruminant species.
- 2) The products for export have been processed, stored, and transported in such a manner as to prevent contamination by communicable animal disease pathogens including BSE.

II. Blood from cloven-hoofed animals (other than ruminants)

(Examples of materials covered here include blood products derived from swine.)

The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease and swine vesicular disease for 2 years prior to export; and is free from 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 an affidavit from [insert name of company], verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

- 1) The materials described below* were derived from [insert animal species of origin], a non-ruminant species.
- 2) The products for export were derived from animals born and raised in the United States or Canada ** or that were resident in the United States for at least 3 months.

3) The products for export contain animal origin ingredients derived from animals that were slaughtered in slaughterhouses^{***} which were approved by the government of the exporting country; and from animals that passed ante mortem examination and were presented for post mortem inspection by government authorities of the exporting country.

4) The animal products for export were processed, stored, and transported in such a manner as to prevent contamination by communicable animal disease pathogens including BSE.

NOTES:

The asterisks, as noted above, should NOT be included on the VS Form 16-4.

*The name/description of materials (blood, plasma, etc.) should be included in the Product Section of the VS Form 16-4.

**Korea is believed to be willing to accept the “or Canada” language. However, this has not been confirmed.

***If products were collected from live animals (instead of slaughtered animals), the exporter should have the importer confirm with Korean authorities prior to export that alternative language will be acceptable.