

## **Serum (other than Ruminant Origin) to Taiwan**

**Requirement for Taiwanese import permit:** The Taiwanese importer is required to apply and obtain an import permit from the Taiwanese Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) prior to import. The exporter is responsible for confirming prior to export that his importer has obtained the required import permit. **APHIS will not verify the issuance of the Taiwanese import permit.** In order for the Taiwanese importer to obtain an import permit, BAPHIQ must have on file a “Plant Certification for Manufacturers/Processors of Technical Serum to be Exported to Taiwan” (see “Serum for technical purposes- general information” for more information).

**Documents required to be presented to APHIS office with certificate for endorsement:** In addition to meeting other APHIS-VS requirements regarding issuance of zoosanitary (animal health) export certificates, the exporter must present the following with the draft VS Form 16-4 to the APHIS office:

- A proper notarized affidavit containing all certification statements appearing in the additional declaration area of the VS Form 16-4 (your APHIS area office can provide you with details on how to prepare a proper notarized affidavit).
- For materials derived from imported materials: A certificate \*\*\* (for the specific lot of raw material that the exported materials are derived from) endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinarian of the agency responsible for animal health in the country of origin stating that the materials are derived from animals slaughtered in [insert country of origin].

\*\*\* An easily read copy is acceptable.

**Certification statements to appear on the VS Form 16-4:** The following exact three statements must appear in the additional declaration section of the VS Form 16-4. No additional text may be added (information must be consistent with information provided on the “Plant Certification for Manufacturers/Processors of Technical Serum to be Exported to Taiwan” or shipments will be denied entry to Taiwan).

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

The animal serum is derived from [insert species of origin, e.g. swine] that were, at the time of slaughter or collection, resident in [insert <the United States> and/or <country name>].

The animal serum was processed in the United States.

**Information to be included in the “PRODUCT (quantity, unit of measure, and kind)” block of the VS Form 16-4:**

Product name, quantity, and lot number. species of origin

*[Regarding “quantity”: A “total” weight is not acceptable, if items are individually packaged. Taiwan is looking for descriptions such as the following:*

*“50 ml (10 5 ml vials)”]*

**Information to be included in the “NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE” block of the VS Form 16-4:**

Destination including country, name, and address of importer in Taiwan.

**If you have questions about any of the above information, you should contact your APHIS-VS area office for assistance.**