

Questions for Importers: Animal Products or By-Products (APO300)

[An animal product is any material derived from the body of an animal, including meat, soap, cosmetics, paint brushes and many other products with ingredients derived from animals. Animal by-products are defined as products harvested or manufactured from livestock other than muscle meat. Included in this category are such products derived from animals as gelatin, feathers, leather, for example.]

What species is the product derived from (bovine, avian, etc.)?

What is the common name?

Is it accompanied by a Veterinary Service license, permit or other certificate?

What country issued the license/permit?

Who is the license/permit holder?

What is the country of species origin?

What is the country of production?

What is the category type:

- Edible meat and poultry
- Milk and milk products
- Edible eggs and egg products
- Food containing eggs and egg products
- Animal consumption products
- Pharmaceuticals (not ready for retail sale), nutraceuticals, and supplements
- Pharmaceuticals ready for retail sale for human use
- Veterinary Biologics for sale and distribution
- Organism and vectors
- Animal by-products for technical use
- Animal sera (excluding antisera)
- Laboratory mammals
- Birds nests
- Casings and related products
- Cosmetics
- Gelatin
- Hides and related by-products
- Trophies (for personal display)
- Insects
- Manure, fertilizers, and soil amendments/enhancers
- Other animal by-products

Is it of animal origin, mineral origin or plant origin?

Is it derived from collagen or organs?

Is it hunter harvested?

Is it edible or inedible?

Is it for use in animal feed?

Is it intended for commercial use or research use?
Is it a fully finished item or in need of further processing?
Is it fresh?
Is it cooked?
Is it frozen?
Is it chilled?
Is it preserved?
Is it edible shelf stable?
Is it edible perishable?
Is it thermally processed?
Is it hermetically sealed (shelf stable)?
Is it hermetically sealed (perishable)?
Is it an extract?
Is it granules?
Is it powdered, ground or flavored?
Is it compressed?
Is it salted?
Is it cured?
Is it smoked?>

Is it packed in leakproof containers?

Note: APHIS Veterinary Services has provided a useful resource, the Veterinary Services Permitting Assistant, to determine the requirements for Animal Products. See the following link:
[VS Permitting Assistant \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/vs/permits)

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