

Feathers

Below is the certification believed to be required to import feathers to Japan from the United States.

NOTE- feathers imported from States upon which Japan has imposed an Avian Influenza ban may require fumigation at the port of entry into Japan. Japanese port officials will determine if this is necessary based upon the processing/treatment information provided below. Exporters are encouraged to have their importers clarify with Japanese port authorities prior to exporting. For a list of States upon which Japan has imposed an Avian Influenza ban, please see link regarding trade bans on the previous page.

The following is the exact text that should be included in the “Additional Declaration” space on the VS Form 16-4:

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

The feathers described below originate in *[insert state or states]*.

The feathers have been obtained from poultry which seemed healthy. The feathers are not known to be contaminated with any agent of infectious disease. The feathers have been handled in a sanitary manner throughout their processing. The feathers have been *[insert description of any processing or packaging- the processing should detail any relevant parameters such as times and temperatures (if heated) or concentrations (if treated with chemicals)]*.

Note- if the feathers are imported from another country- that country may be placed in the “[insert state or states]” area. In these cases, the export certificate from the government of the country of origin must be provided, and it must contain all applicable statements. Further, if the certificate does not indicate that the feathers were shipped directly to the U.S. exporters, documentation must be provided from each facility that handled the feathers in the U.S.