

Animal Health Requirements of Brazil for the Importation of Certain Ruminant Products and Byproducts

Ruminant products and byproducts, including any products with ruminant ingredients, are prohibited for importation into Brazil, except for the following:

- Milk and milk products;
- Protein-free tallow (maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight)
- and derivatives made from this tallow;
- Dicalcium phosphate (with no trace of protein or fat);
- Hides and leather (ruminant skins are allowed on approved certificate only.), and
- Gelatin and collagen prepared from bovine hides or bovine bones.

Specific instructions may be available for the importation of bovine origin gelatins and some other products indicated above. (Reference - RIG.GEL.BOV.ABR/07).

The importation of ruminant products treated in manners not specifically authorized in such requirements must be evaluated by Brazil MAPA's Animal Health Department to determine health risk before its authorization. Some bovine products, including biological products used as standards for diagnostic tests and animal origin products used in culture media for microbiologic diagnoses, may be excluded from the ban upon risk assessment, at the discretion of the Plant and Animal Health Protection Secretariat. The request for a risk assessment must be made by the Brazilian importer. Exporters should supply needed information about the product to their importers.

Instructions for applying for a product risk assessment:

1. References: Article 3 of Normative Instruction SDA No. 07 dated March 17, 2004.
2. Routing: Requests for risk assessment of import products must be sent to the Plant and Animal Health Protection Secretariat (SDA), Ministry of Agriculture (MAPA) through a process carried out in the Animal Health Service or Section of the Federal Office of Agriculture in the state of the importing establishment.
3. Required Documentation:
 - a. Official letter from the importing company requesting the product's risk assessment;
 - b. Product identification and details;
 - c. Country of origin (where it came from);
 - d. Type of packaging used for transportation and storage;
 - e. Description of processing;
 - f. Details on the composition of the product;
 - g. Purpose or intended use of the product;
 - h. Address of slaughterhouse and/or manufacturing facility;

- i. Measures taken during the product's manufacturing process to avoid contamination with products and by-products of bovine origin; and
- j. Product's technical report, in the case of veterinary products.

4. Contact information: MAPA/SDA, Department of Animal Health (DDA) – phone: +5561-218-2701/2726/2729; FAX: +5561-226-3446.