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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली -110 001,

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001,

दिनांक / Dated the 2nd April, 2026.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Bovine Serum into India – regarding.

Please refer to addendum notification G/SPS/N/IND/333/Add.1, dated 27 February 2026 notifying the "Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Bovine Serum into India" to WTO SPS Committee.

2. The said veterinary health certificate requirements has been further reviewed and revised considering comments received from WTO member countries.

3. The "Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Bovine Serum into India" enclosed herewith will serve as official veterinary health certificate requirements for import of bovine serum into India. It will be completely in force after transition / migration period of six months from the date of notification to the WTO SPS Committee.

This has the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Encl: As above.

Gagan Garg
02-04-2026

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(Dr. Gagan Garg)

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Joint Commissioner (Trade)

Distribution:

- (i) All Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Service, Delhi / Mumbai / Bengaluru / Chennai / Kolkata / Hyderabad to disseminate the information with all stakeholders including importers through facilitation channels.
- (ii) Joint Secretary (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi. Email: jscus@nic.in
- (iii) SPS Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (iv) NIC, DAHD, with a request to upload on the Departmental as well as AQCS's website.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT¹ OF BOVINE SERUM INTO INDIA

I. General Information

1. Veterinary Health certificate No: Date:		2. Competent Authority 2.1 Ministry: 2.2 Department: 2.3 Contact Details and Email:	
3. Invoice No. Date:		4. Quantity: 4.1 Type of packaging 4.1 Number of packages 4.3 Net Weight	
5. Consignor / Exporter Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:			
6. Consignee / Importer: Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:			
7. Country of origin:		ISO Code:	
8. Place of loading:			
9. Country of Destination:		ISO Code:	
10. Declared Port of Entry ²			
11. Mode of Transport:		12. Temperature:	
13. Identification of Container:		14. Seal No.	
15. SIP/DGFT License no. with Date and Validity			
16. Identification of the product as described below: (multiple lines may be used for multiple products)			
a)	Description of the products along with HS code:		
b)	Name and address of Manufacturer / Establishment		Approval number/s of establishment /s (Number /Date / Validity) along with Name and address of the Registration / Accreditation Authority
c)	Name of the product		Lot no. / Batch no.
d)	Date of Manufacture or Packaging		Best before (if applicable)
			Date of Expiry

¹ Import of livestock products into India is subjected to fulfillment of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 and the rules / regulations there under as notified time to time.

²Port of Entry as notified by Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India considering applicability of Sanitary Import Permit (SIP) or not, as the case may be.

II. Sanitary information

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the product (bovine serum) described above satisfies the following requirements:

- i. the country of origin of raw material and final product is under negligible Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code by the World Organisation for Animal Health;

or

bovine serum has been obtained from the source animals not subjected to a stunning process with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process, or to any other procedure that can contaminate the blood with nervous tissue, prior to slaughter and collected and processed in a manner that ensures they are not contaminated with nervous tissue.

- ii. the country of origin of raw material and final product is free from Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus and Foot and Mouth Disease Virus as per World Organisation for Animal Health listing;

or

in case the import is from the Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus and Foot and Mouth Disease Virus positive country, the consignment should be accompanied with a certificate of quality analysis and tested negative for Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus and Foot and Mouth Disease Virus.

- iii. the product originates from source animal which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections, which have been slaughtered for human consumption at an abattoir approved by the National Veterinary Authority of the country of origin in accordance with Chapter 6.3 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code by the World Organisation for Animal Health with favourable results and shows no clinical sign of any infectious and contagious diseases related to the source animal species including Anthrax, Foot and Mouth Disease, Lumpy Skin Disease;

or

the product is obtained from the live and healthy source animals originated from the approved establishments free from any infectious or contagious diseases related to the source animal species including Anthrax, Foot and Mouth Disease, Lumpy Skin Disease for the last three months.

- iv. the source animals originate from an approved establishment and the documented animal traceability system is in place.
- v. the product came from the source animal which has not been kept in the infected zone and establishment for the diseases related to source animal species and have not been derived from the source animal species

slaughtered/culled as part of an eradication/control program for any disease related to source animal species.

- vi. the product has been collected by the expert and trained team approved by the competent authority of country of origin as per standard and approved procedures as approved by the official authority of country of origin as per international guidelines related to laboratory bio-safety and bio-security.
- vii. care has been taken to ensure that the product is produced and handled in a manner which ensures that the product do not contain and is not contaminated with any pathogenic agents or organism with no threat to outside environment and related species.
- viii. guidelines for International transfer (IATA guidelines) or other internationally approved guidelines including packaging (triple layered) shall be followed as per the category and nature of the product and spillage and leakage must be strictly avoided.
- ix. adequate precautions were taken after collection, processing and during transit to avoid contact and contamination of product with any potential source of infection. The product is packed in fresh, clean packing material and the materials are not exposed to any products with potential source of infectious materials.
- x. serum should be sterile;

or

serum should be tested negative for diseases namely Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), Blue Tongue, Reoviruses and Adenoviruses (as relevant), Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (EBL), Rift Valley Fever (RVF).
- xi. the serum is fit for intended purpose (state the purpose-----).

Note:

1. Testing should be as per the World Organisation for Animal Health guidelines (test reports to be endorsed officially and to be attached with Veterinary Health Certificate).
2. In case, the country is free for any disease, than testing is not required for that disease. However, the certification of country freedom shall be provided.

Official stamp:

Signature _____

Official Veterinarian	
Name:	Designation:
Address and Email:	
Date:	

Post import clearance requirements:

1. On arrival in India, the consignment and the documents shall be examined by Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India.
2. In case the documents are not conforming to the requirements and the product is not as per protocol, the appropriate action shall be taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India at the cost of importing agency as per the notification no. S.O. 2666 (E), dated 17.10.2014 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries.
3. The material shall be handled as per guidelines related to laboratory biosafety and biosecurity guidelines and the destination laboratory shall have the regulatory approvals and proper biosafety levels.
4. The disposal, if any shall be as per Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules.
5. Importing agency shall ensure that the left over serum shall be disposed scientifically with no exposure to susceptible animal species and serum disposal data to be maintained.