

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA**

**§ 96.5**

and the casings were collected, and who is authorized by the national government to conduct casings inspections and issue certificates, and who has inspected the casings before issuing the certificate and determined that the casings meet the criteria described in the Foreign Official Certificate for Animal Casings; or (2) a non-government veterinarian authorized to issue the certificate by the national government of the region in which the animals were slaughtered and the casings were collected, who has inspected the casings before issuing the certificate and determined that the casings meet the criteria described in the Foreign Official Certificate for Animal Casings. A certificate issued by a non-government veterinarian is valid only if the certificate is endorsed by a veterinarian salaried by the national government of the region in which the animals were slaughtered and the casings were collected.

(b) All signatures on the certificate shall be original.

(c) The certificate shall bear the insignia of the national government of the region in which the animals were slaughtered and the casings were collected, and shall be in the following form:

FOREIGN OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR ANIMAL CASINGS

Place (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Region)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I hereby certify that the animal casings herein described were derived from healthy animals (cattle, sheep, swine, or goats), which received, ante mortem and post mortem veterinary inspections at the time of slaughter, are clean and sound, and were prepared and handled only in a sanitary manner and were not subjected to contagion prior to exportation.

Kind of casings \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of packages \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Identification marks on the packages \_\_\_\_\_  
Consignor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)  
Consignee \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Destination)

Shipping marks \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Official issuing the certificate. (Non-government veterinarian authorized to issue the certificate by the national government of

the region in which the animals were slaughtered and the casings were collected.)

Official title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Official issuing the certificate. (Veterinarian salaried by the national government of the region in which the animals were slaughtered and the casings were collected.)

Official title: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) In addition to meeting the requirements of this section, the certificate accompanying sheep casings from a region listed in §94.18(a)(3) of this subchapter must state that the casings meet the requirements of §96.2(b)(1), and the certificate accompanying bovine casings from a region listed in §94.18(a)(3) of this subchapter must state that the casings meet the requirements of §96.2(b)(2).

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**§ 96.4 Uncertified animal casings; disposition.**

Animal casings which are unaccompanied by the required certificate, those shipped in sheepskins or other skins as containers, and those found upon inspection to be unclean or unsound when offered for importation into the United States shall be kept in customs custody until exported or destroyed, or until disinfected and denaturated as prescribed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in §§96.5 through 96.16.

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**§ 96.5 Instructions regarding handling certified animal casings.**

(a) Animal casings are not classed as meat product, therefore the certificate required for foreign meat product is not acceptable for animal casings offered for importation.

(b) Casings offered for importation into the United States shall remain in