

Article 11.4.15.

Recommendations for the importation of gelatine and collagen prepared from bones and intended for food or feed, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals including biologicals, or medical devices

Veterinary Authorities of importing countries should require the presentation of an international veterinary certificate attesting that:

1) the commodities came from a country, zone or compartment posing a negligible BSE risk;

OR

2) they originate from a country, zone or compartment posing a controlled or undetermined BSE risk and are derived from cattle which have passed ante- and post-mortem inspections; and that

a) vertebral columns from cattle over 30 months of age at the time of slaughter and skulls have been excluded;

b) the bones have been subjected to a process which includes all of the following steps:

i) degreasing,

ii) acid demineralisation,

iii) acid or alkaline treatment,

iv) filtration,

v) sterilisation at  $\geq 138^{\circ}\text{C}$  for a minimum of 4 seconds,

or to an equivalent or better process in terms of infectivity reduction (such as high pressure heating).