

Ice Cream to Mexico

The following certification statements, based on a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer, should be placed on a VS Form 16-4 for ice cream products* being exported to Mexico.

- 1) The production plant(s) is (are) under official supervision or approved by the competent authority in the United States.
- 2) The products have been approved for human consumption** and may be freely sold in the United States.

*Additional certification statements may be included, as required by the Hoja de Requisitos Sanitarios (HRZ) issued by the government of Mexico for a specific product. Exporters should provide the VS Area Office with a copy of the HRZ and an English translation.

**Public health statements such as “fitness or suitability for human consumption” can only be endorsed by VS if the exporter provides documentation from the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or a State government or Dairy Board verifying that the described product is fit or suitable for human consumption.

NOTE: Additional information which must be provided on the VS 16-4 for ice cream products includes the following (see also document entitled Animal Products to Mexico):

- 1) packaging date and lot number (must also be on label)
- 2) product expiration date (must also be on label or on a Quality Analysis Certificate)
- 3) processing date (must also be in a document issued by the manufacturer to accompany the shipment or on the label)