

“International Availability of Animal Feed”

Animal food is sometimes needed when shipping animals long distances. Various feedstuffs are available from reputable suppliers and distributors worldwide. Ingredient availability varies from country to country and from region to region, as well as product formulation philosophies. We'll address some of these as they relate to the available supplies from country to country.

Selection of proper nutrition is essential for animals, especially when experiencing higher stress levels during traveling. Providing water before and during transit is crucial, as animals need to stay hydrated. In most cases, the same 'normal' standard diet that is fed to a given animal, should be included with water when traveling. Other options are a diet of similar ingredient characteristics, but with higher moisture levels to maintain proper hydration for the animal.

Recent issues with animal health concerns such as BSE and avian virus have placed restrictions on movement of certain animal feeds from country-to-country. Detail should be followed when including feed as part of an animal shipment from country-to-country.

Animal feeds that contain animal by-products as an ingredient, now need to be scrutinized before they can enter many countries. Confirmed reports of BSE in England, Canada and the USA have increased the documentation needed to transport complete feed out of these countries. In many cases, each country has its own set of rules and documents necessary to allow animal feed into the country. It is extremely important to know the ever-changing policies for each country; as they need to be followed exactly as outlined by local officials.

Topics to be discussed include documents necessary for import, local and governmental agencies involved and customs and border inspections. They include, but are not limited to:

- Certificate of Free Sale
- Governmental Agricultural Health Inspection Certificates (USDA, MAFF)
- Salmonella Testing
- Certificate of Veterinary Clearance
- Ingredient Supplier Quality Program documents
- Border Inspection Post clearance
- Port of Health Documents
- Customs and Tariff Documents

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