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A DAHD memorandum of May 11, 2026 asks quarantine offices to release gelatin imports on the earlier veterinary protocol while it examines comments.

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The memorandum refers to DAHD's Office Memorandum No. L-110109(4)/17/2022-Trade (E-22836) of March 5, 2026. That memorandum said the certificate had been finalized after considering the comments of member countries and notified to the WTO SPS Committee by addendum notification G/SPS/N/IND/332/Add.1, dated February 18, 2026. It said the certificate would serve as the official veterinary health certificate requirement for these imports and would come into force 60 days after the addendum, on April 17, 2026.

The May 11 memorandum says the Department has received comments from various stakeholders, which are being examined. In view of this, it requests all the Animal Quarantine & Certification Services (AQCSs) "to issue no objection for release of imported consignments of gelatine based upon veterinary health protocol, being followed before issuance of above mentioned addendum notification, till further order". DAHD issued it with the approval of the competent authority. Copies went to the Joint Secretary (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs; the SPS Division of the Department of Commerce; the PPS to the Additional Secretary (VJ), DAHD; and NIC, DAHD, with a request to upload it on DAHD's and the AQCS websites.

The memorandum does not withdraw or amend the certificate, and it does not say what the earlier protocol requires. It sets no date for finishing the examination of comments, does not name the stakeholders or their comments, and does not say how consignments that arrived between April 17 and May 11, 2026 were to be treated. It lists the March 5, 2026 memorandum as enclosed, but DAHD's two-page file does not include it. DAHD posted that memorandum, with the certificate, on April 6, 2026. DAHD's document list, read on October 28, 2026, has no later document on gelatin imports; its newest entry is dated October 26, 2026.

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Document	Office Memorandum, File No. L-110111/3/2024-Trade (E- 27713)

Dated	May 11, 2026
Posted by DAHD	August 19, 2026
Subject	"Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) for Import of Gelatine Derived from the Bones or Skins of Bovine/Porcine (Other Than Wild/Feral) into India"
Applies to	Imports of gelatin derived from the bones or skins of bovine or porcine animals, other than wild or feral
Addressed to	All Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Service, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata and Hyderabad
The certificate	Notified to the WTO SPS Committee by addendum G/SPS/N/IND/332/Add.1, February 18, 2026; to come into force on April 17, 2026 (DAHD Office Memorandum of March 5, 2026)
Releases	No objection for release on the veterinary health protocol followed before the addendum notification, "till further order"
Reason	Comments received from various stakeholders, which are being examined
Takes effect	No date stated
Signed by	Dr. Gagan Garg, Joint Commissioner (Trade)

The office memorandum (PDF, 495 KB)

Source: DAHD's own copy.

Checked against the official copy on October 28, 2026.

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