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Animal Product
Manual

Reference

Pet Food, and Livestock, Poultry, and Aquaculture Feed

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Introduction

The *Pet Food, and Livestock, Poultry, and Aquaculture Feed* section covers pet food/animal feed including chews, treats, toys, additives/supplements, and ingredients that may be used in any of these products.

Products containing plant materials must also be regulated according to the plant health regulations.



Animal products may be offered for entry under descriptions that may not appear to be subject to regulatory restrictions, such as additive, adhesive, feed/food additive, nutritional supplement, or supplement. Carefully scrutinize documents for descriptions that indicate shipments that may contain restricted or prohibited products. Before regulating pet food, identify all of the ingredients.

Feed Ingredients

Feed may contain a diverse cross section of animal products in their ingredients, as follows:

- ◆ Animal product ingredients
 - ❖ Animal fat
 - ❖ Blood meal
 - ❖ Bone meal
 - ❖ Dried blood and blood products
 - ❖ Feather meal
 - ❖ Gelatin
 - ❖ Meat meal
 - ❖ Poultry meal
 - ❖ Tankage
- ◆ Animal waste ingredients
 - ❖ Hydrolyzed hair
 - ❖ Poultry feathers
 - ❖ Poultry waste and litter
 - ❖ Urea
- ◆ Milk product ingredients
 - ❖ Buttermilk (dried, feed grade)
 - ❖ Casein
 - ❖ Caseinate
 - ❖ Whey and its by-products

Likewise, pet chews, treats and toys may be made from a diverse variety of animal products and by-products:

- ◆ Bones
- ◆ Ears
- ◆ Horns
- ◆ Hooves
- ◆ Ligaments
- ◆ Pizzles
- ◆ Snouts
- ◆ Rawhide



Wash your hands after handling pet chews and toys. Certain dog chews, particularly hooves and those made of pig ears, may be contaminated with salmonella.

Pet food and animal feed may contain the same ingredients. They may be dry (e.g., in sacks/bags), semi-moist (e.g., in pouches), or moist (e.g., canned). They may be made from meat, organs, or other by-products from any animal and usually contain rendered products.



Rendered products and processed protein products including ruminant blood meal from countries affected with BSE are **prohibited** entry unless accompanied by a VS-issued permit.

Ingredients That May Be in Canned, Shelf-Stable Pet Food

Canned, shelf-stable pet food cannot be released **without** restriction since the pet food may contain processed animal fat, bone meal, meat meal, and by-products that are regulated because of BSE. Moreover, canned, shelf-stable seafood varieties of pet food most often contain beef by-products or poultry by-products or both as ingredients. **Never** assume that seafood varieties contain **only** seafood. Similarly, poultry varieties of pet food may contain ruminant derivatives and meat by-products.

Pet Chews or Toys made from Rawhide

Rawhide is the de-haired, dried, untanned, leathery skin of cattle. If rawhide has been coated or ground, the resulting product requires a permit.

Feed for Livestock, Poultry, and Aquaculture

Feed is defined as materials which are distributed as food or for mixing in a ration for domestic farm and ranch animals such as cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, rabbits, horses, and poultry. Feed also includes those materials distributed for food for aquaculture (including but not limited to: fish/shellfish, amphibians, and reptiles). Some rations may contain only grains and plant products. If the ingredients listed consist only of plant-derived material, these feeds are not subject to animal health regulations. However, these feeds may be subject to plant regulations. Such feeds may also contain vitamins and/or minerals. Most commercially derived vitamins and minerals are synthetically produced from non-animal origin ingredients. Exceptions include vitamin D3, vitamin A, and calcium phosphate derivatives (i.e., any derivative; e.g., dicalcium phosphate, tricalcium phosphate, etc.). Feeds that contain animal origin vitamins and/or minerals require a health certificate and may require a permit.

Feed may also have milk, gelatin, waste materials, or animal fat or its derivatives as ingredients. Since feeds are fed directly to livestock and may come from animal protein and thus contain infective agents of animal diseases (such as viruses, bacteria, or prions), feed may require a VS permit.

Feed Additives and Supplements

Feed supplements (nutritive products that are added to feed to produce a more complete feed), and feed additives (non-nutritive products that are added to feed to affect production) may be categorized as follows:

- ◆ Anthelmintics (compounds that are used to control worms and other parasites)

- ◆ Antimicrobial agents (antibiotics and other compounds that inhibit the growth of microorganisms)
- ◆ Antioxidant products that inhibit the oxidation of fats or vitamins
- ◆ Binders (products that promote cohesiveness of pellets)
- ◆ Buffers (compounds that maintain the pH of the digestive tract)
- ◆ Carcass modifiers (products added to increase carcass leanness)
- ◆ Colostrum bolus or powder (compound containing a high level of immunoglobulins)
- ◆ Enzymes (products added to improve digestibility)
- ◆ Flow agents (products that prevent caking and improve flow of feed)
- ◆ Flavorings (products added to improve palatability or mask off-flavors)
- ◆ Hormones
- ◆ Liquid protein (protein product usually containing molasses, vitamins, urea, and trace minerals)
- ◆ Microbes or probiotics (microorganisms themselves)
- ◆ Milk replacer (milk substitute)
- ◆ Mineral and salt licks
- ◆ Vitamins
- ◆ Yeast (organism that improves feed digestion and stabilizes the pH of the digestive tract)



Most commercially derived vitamins and minerals are synthetically produced from non-animal origin ingredients. Exceptions include vitamin D3, vitamin A, and calcium phosphate derivatives (i.e., any derivative; e.g., dicalcium phosphate, tricalcium phosphate, etc.).

Articles NOT Regulated in This Section

The following articles are **not** covered in this section:

- ◆ Animal waste (e.g., urine, feces, vomitus) and related by-products (e.g., glue, fertilizer); regulate these ingredients under [Animal Waste and Related By-Products](#) on [page 3-2-1](#)
- ◆ Pet food/animal feed including chews, treats, toys, and additives/supplements containing milk or milk products as the **only** animal origin ingredient: To regulate these products go to [Table 3-14-11](#).
- ◆ Feed made wholly from plant material

Articles Accompanied by a VS-Issued Permit

When a VS permit authorizes entry of the additive, pet food/animal feed, chew, treat, toy, additive/supplement, or ingredient, then match the following information on the shipping documents with that on the permit:

- ◆ Current date
- ◆ Description of the material
- ◆ Shipper
- ◆ Consignee
- ◆ Conditions spelled out on the permit



Important

Make sure that the permittee has signed the permit. Electronic signatures are not acceptable. If the permittee has not signed the permit, then return the permit for signature.

Follow [Table 3-18-1](#) as you match the permit with the shipping documents.

TABLE 3-18-1 Validate Importation Authorized Entry by a VS Permit

If the shipping documents:	And the:	Then:
Match the VS permit	→	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit
Do not match the VS permit	VS permit has expired	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. HAVE the consignee contact VS, TTSPS (see Table 2-2-11 and Table 2-4-14) 3. SAFEGUARD the importation until you hear from VS, TTSPS
	Discrepancy is other than an expired VS permit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI or PPQ-VRS-HQ personnel for further action (see Appendix H)

Locator

When a VS permit does **not** accompany an importation of animal food or feed, use [Table 3-18-2](#) to determine the appropriate regulatory action to take.



Important

In order to regulate pet food, you **must** have a list of ingredients. Ask the importer or the importer's agent to provide you with a list of ingredients. Once you have list of ingredients, use the decision tables that follow.



Important

Inspect rawhide chews and toys for meat fibers. Smell the product to determine if there is a strong odor. If you detect meat fibers or smell a strong odor, the product is not admissible.



If a small amount of food is in a cage with dogs, cats, or laboratory animals, then removing the pet food from the cage is not necessary.

TABLE 3-18-2 Pet Food/Animal Feed (Including Chews, Treats, and Toys), Additives and Supplements¹ (page 1 of 3)

Contains:	And:	And the product is:	And:	And the importation is:	Then:
Avian, Equine, Ruminant (and NR ² animals), Swine (and NS ² animals); or , Dead/ freeze-dried: Mealworms, Crickets, Bugs, Insects or Bloodworms	Pet food/ Animal feed (including chews, treats, toys made of bones, horns and hoofs)	Rawhide	Plain rawhide (may be molded into shapes)	→	RELEASE
			Other than plain rawhide (ground, flavored, basted, colored, or otherwise processed)	→	GO to Table 3-18-3
		Fresh/frozen	→	GO to Table 3-18-4	
		Hides/skins	→	GO to Table 3-7-2	
		Antlers as pet chews/treats	→	GO to Table 3-18-5	
		Milk/milk product as the only animal origin ingredient	→	GO to Table 3-14-11	
		Only equine	→	GO to Table 3-10-1	

TABLE 3-18-2 Pet Food/Animal Feed (Including Chews, Treats, and Toys), Additives and Supplements¹ (page 2 of 3)

Contains:	And:	And the product is:	And:	And the importation is:	Then:
		Other than above	From New Zealand	Appropriately certified ³	RELEASE
				Lacks the appropriate certification ³	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
			From Australia, Fiji, Iceland	Appropriately certified ⁴	RELEASE
				Lacks the appropriate certification ⁴	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
			From other than Australia, Fiji, Iceland, or New Zealand	Accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
				Lacks a VS permit	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
Pet food/ Animal feed additive or supplement (including vitamins and/ or minerals)	—————→			GO to Table 3-18-6	
Other Species	Only amphibian, fish, reptile, shellfish, or aquatic species (not including oils, meals, hydrolysates, emulsions, and bloodworms)	Accompanied by a producer's or shipper's declaration ⁵	—————→		RELEASE
		Not accompanied by a producer's or shipper's declaration ⁵	—————→		1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

TABLE 3-18-2 Pet Food/Animal Feed (Including Chews, Treats, and Toys), Additives and Supplements¹ (page 3 of 3)

Contains:	And:	And the product is:	And:	And the importation is:	Then:
	Only oils, meals, hydrolysates, and emulsions of amphibians, fish, shellfish, or aquatic species (does not include reptiles or bloodworms)	From BSE-affected countries or regions; or, from a minimal risk BSE Country (currently Canada is the only country designated at minimal risk for BSE)	→	Accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
				Lacks a VS Permit	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	From BSE-free countries or regions	→	Appropriately certified ⁴	RELEASE	
			Lacks the appropriate certification ⁴	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)	
	Live meal-worms, crickets, bugs, insects or bloodworms	→			1. If appropriate, APPLY the plant quarantines 2. RELEASE for animal health concerns
	Other	Country of origin is free of BSE	→		
Country of origin is BSE-affected		→	Accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE	
	Lacks a VS permit		1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)		
Also contains plant materials or altogether without animal origin ingredients	Straw, hay or grass only	→			GO to Table 3-15-6
	Other	→			1. APPLY animal product regulations first 2. If admissible, then APPLY plant quarantines as appropriate

1 If a small amount of food is in a cage with dogs, cats, or laboratory animals, then removing the pet food from the cage is not necessary.

2 See Appendix B, [List of Animal Names and Their Classes](#) on [page B-1-1](#), for listing of NR and NS animals

3 Either one of the following:

◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:

❖ The product is entirely of New Zealand origin (for products that are strictly of New Zealand origin)

OR

◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:

❖ Animal species from which the material was derived

❖ Region where any facility in which the material was processed is located

❖ Material was derived only from animals that have never been in any region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)

❖ Material did not originate in and was never stored, rendered, or otherwise processed in a region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)

❖ Material was not otherwise associated with a facility located in a region listed in 9CFR 94,18(a)

OR

◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:

❖ The animal derived by-products or components have been imported from _____ (country) _____ and meet the requirements listed in 9CFR Part 95.29 (for products not entirely of New Zealand origin)

4 An original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:

◆ Animal species from which the material was derived

◆ Region where any facility in which the material was processed is located

◆ Material was derived only from animals that have never been in any region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)

◆ Material did not originate in and was never stored, rendered, or otherwise processed in a region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)

◆ Material was not otherwise associated with a facility located in a region listed in 9CFR 94,18(a)

5 A declaration which provides, in a clear and concise manner, the following information:

◆ Identification of the material and species of origin

◆ Material does not include any avian, equine, ruminant, or swine species or their materials (such as transport media or stabilizers)

Rawhide that is Ground, Flavored, Basted, Colored, or Otherwise Processed

TABLE 3-18-3 Rawhide that is Ground, Flavored, Basted, Colored, or Otherwise Processed (page 1 of 2)

If:	And the product is:	And:		Then:
Rawhide that is ground, flavored, basted, colored, or otherwise processed	From New Zealand	Is appropriately certified ¹	→	RELEASE
		Lacks the appropriate certification ¹	→	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Reference

Rawhide that is Ground, Flavored, Basted, Colored, or Otherwise Processed

TABLE 3-18-3 Rawhide that is Ground, Flavored, Basted, Colored, or Otherwise Processed (page 2 of 2)

If:	And the product is:	And:		Then:
(CONT.)	From Australia, Fiji, Iceland	Is appropriately certified ²	→	RELEASE
		Lacks the appropriate certification ²	→	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	From other than Australia, Fiji, Iceland or New Zealand	Is appropriately certified ³	→	RELEASE
		Lacks the appropriate certification ³	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
		Lacks a VS permit		1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

1 Either one of the following:

- ◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:
 - ❖ The product is entirely of New Zealand origin (for products that are strictly of New Zealand origin)

OR

- ◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:
 - ❖ Animal species from which the material was derived
 - ❖ Region where any facility in which the material was processed is located
 - ❖ Material was derived only from animals that have never been in any region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)
 - ❖ Material did not originate in and was never stored, rendered, or otherwise processed in a region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)
 - ❖ Material was not otherwise associated with a facility located in a region listed in 9 CFR 94,18(a)

OR

- ◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:
 - ◆ The animal derived by-products or components have been imported from _____ (country)_____ and meet the requirements listed in 9CFR Part 95.29 (for products not entirely of New Zealand origin)

2 Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:

- ◆ Animal species from which the material was derived
- ◆ Region where any facility in which the material was processed is located
- ◆ Material was derived only from animals that have never been in any region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)
- ◆ Material did not originate in and was never stored, rendered, or otherwise processed in a region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)
- ◆ Material was not otherwise associated with a facility located in a region listed in 9 CFR 94,18(a)

3 Certificate endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating that the product contains rawhide as the only animal origin ingredient

Fresh/Frozen Pet Food/Animal Feed and Ingredients (Including Chews, Treats, and Toys)

TABLE 3-18-4 Fresh/Frozen Pet Food/Animal Feed and Ingredients (Including Chews, Treats, and Toys)

If:	And the product is:	And:	Then:
Fresh/Frozen pet food/ animal feed and ingredients (including chews, treats, and toys)	From New Zealand	Is appropriately certified ¹	RELEASE
		Lacks the appropriate certification ¹	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	From Australia, Fiji, Iceland	Is appropriately certified ²	RELEASE
		Lacks the appropriate certification	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	From other than Australia, Fiji, Iceland or New Zealand	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
		Lacks a VS permit	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

1 Either one of the following:

- ◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:
 - ❖ The product is entirely of New Zealand origin (for products that are strictly of New Zealand origin)

OR

- ◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:
 - ❖ Animal species from which the material was derived
 - ❖ Region where any facility in which the material was processed is located
 - ❖ Material was derived only from animals that have never been in any region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)
 - ❖ Material did not originate in and was never stored, rendered, or otherwise processed in a region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)
 - ❖ Material was not otherwise associated with a facility located in a region listed in 9 CFR 94,18(a)

OR

- ◆ Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:
 - ◆ The animal derived by-products or components have been imported from _____ (country)_____ and meet the requirements listed in 9 CFR Part 95.29 (for products not entirely of New Zealand origin)

OR

- ◆ New Zealand Food Safety Authority Certificate for Hides, Skins and Trophies to the United States of America (see [Figure G-1-68](#))

Reference

Fresh/Frozen Pet Food/Animal Feed and Ingredients (Including Chews, Treats, and Toys)

- 2 Original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country stating the following:
 - ◆ Animal species from which the material was derived
 - ◆ Region where any facility in which the material was processed is located
 - ◆ Material was derived only from animals that have never been in any region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)
 - ◆ Material did not originate in and was never stored, rendered, or otherwise processed in a region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)
 - ◆ Material was not otherwise associated with a facility located in a region listed in 9CFR 94,18(a)

Antlers as Pet Chews/Treats

TABLE 3-18-5 Antlers as Pet Chews/Treats

If:	And the country or region of origin is:	And:	Then:
Antlers as pet chews/treats	Free from FMD	Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ¹	RELEASE
		Lacks the appropriate certification ¹	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	Affected with FMD	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
		Lacks a VS permit	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

- 1 An original health certificate endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinarian of the agency responsible for the animal health in the exporting country certifying the:
 - ◆ Name of the FMD/RP-free country of origin
 - ◆ Antlers are clean, dry, and free of soil, clay, sand, tissue, and undried pieces of hide, flesh, sinew, and other related materials

Feed Additives and Feed Supplements

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Feed Additives and Feed Supplements

TABLE 3-18-6 Feed Additives and Feed Supplements (page 1 of 2)

If:	And the product is:	And:	And:	Then:
◆ Feed additives ◆ Feed supplements	Antibiotic	→		RELEASE
	Contains milk/ milk products as the only animal origin ingredient (such as colostrum or milk replacer) ¹	→		GO to Table 3-14-11
	Hormone	→		REGULATE under Organs on page 3-16-1
	Non-pathogenic microorganism ²	→	Is appropriately certified ³	RELEASE
			Lacks certification ³	REFUSE ENTRY
	Animal derived vitamins and/or minerals ⁴	Contains Vitamin A derived from porcine gelatin, porcine gelatin coating or Vitamin D3 derived from sheep wool grease	Is appropriately certified ⁵	RELEASE
			Lacks certification ⁵	REFUSE ENTRY
	Vitamin D3 derived from hides/bones or animal-derived calcium phosphate derivatives (i.e., any derivative; e.g., dicalcium phosphate, tricalcium phosphate, etc.)	→	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
			Lacks a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
	Enzymes and proteins	→	Is appropriately certified ⁶	RELEASE
Lacks certification ⁶			REFUSE ENTRY	
Tallow derivative (e.g., tallow derived: linoleic acid, stearic acid, glycerin, etc.)	→		RELEASE	

TABLE 3-18-6 Feed Additives and Feed Supplements (page 2 of 2)

If:	And the product is:	And:	And:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Feed additives ◆ Feed supplements (cont.) 	Wholly inorganic ⁷ (anthelmintic, antioxidant, binder, buffer, flow agent, mineral, synthetic flavoring, salt lick, synthetic vitamin, etc.)	→		RELEASE
	Wholly plant based ⁸		Contains processed grains or plant products	REFER to the <i>Miscellaneous and Processed Products Manual</i>
			Contains non-processed grains or plant products	REFER to the <i>Seeds Not for Planting Manual</i>

- 1 Some milk replacers contain animal fat which is a rendered product
 - 2 Also called probiotics, for example *Bacillus* spp., *Lactobacillus* spp., *Proteus* spp., *Pseudomonas* spp., *Saccharomyces* spp., and *Streptococcus* spp.
 - 3 Producer/shipper documentation stating the following information:
 - ◆ A detailed description of the microorganism (genus and species)
 - ◆ A written declaration indicating that the microorganism is not considered to be pathogenic for livestock or poultry
 - 4 Derived from animal products
 - 5 Official certificate issued by a full-time, salaried veterinarian of the national government of the country of export certifying that:
 - ◆ Vitamin A derived from porcine gelatin, vitamins coated with porcine gelatin, and/or vitamin D3 derived from sheep wool grease are the only animal-origin ingredients
 - 6 Producer/shipper documentation stating the following information:
 - ◆ A detailed and accurate description of the material
 - ◆ A declaration, if applicable, indicating that the material is produced by microbial fermentation
 - ◆ A declaration stating the preparation does not contain any animal derived additives, such as albumin
- OR**
- ◆ If the preparation does contain animal derived additives, a declaration identifying the additives and stating that the product will be used only in vitro
- 7 Wholly inorganic means synthetic; defined as **not** derived from animal products
 - 8 Derived from plants; may include some enzymes and flavorings (such as molasses). Documentation from the manufacturer that states that the products are entirely plant based is acceptable

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Feed Additives and Feed Supplements
