

Certification for the Export of Pet Food to Chile

Authorization for the importation of animal feeds may be permitted if Chile has conducted a process of product evaluation. The approval process depends on the evaluation by Chile of a process document submitted by the manufacturer or agent, specific for the product, in which details of production are provided. APHIS does not endorse such monographs.

For the export of any animal feed Chile's animal health division (SAG) requires appropriate certification by USDA APHIS. SAG prohibits the importation of pet food containing ruminant origin materials from the United States with exclusions for milk and milk products and tallow (maximum content of insoluble impurities may not exceed 0.15% by weight), and perhaps other ruminant products. Additional ingredients of ruminant origin may be permitted if evaluation of the process documentation by SAG demonstrates compliance with the import requirements of Chile.

Shipments of pet foods containing ovine ingredients imported from Australia and New Zealand have been acceptable and the export health certificate should clearly identify such ingredients.

Exporters are encouraged to check with their importer to verify labeling and import requirements.

SAG requires that every shipment of extruded pet foods and of treats and chews must have been subjected to a bacteriological analysis (total count, total coliforms, Salmonella spp., and E. coli). Test results must be attached to documents corresponding to the shipment. Upon arrival in Chile the product may be retested, subject to cost recovery.

Recommended statements for the VS form 16-4 are as follows:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below: / *Esta oficina mantiene en archivos una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la certeza de las declaraciones de abajo:*

1. The pet food products described below have been treated in accordance with pet food industry standards approved in the exporting country and are unlikely to disseminate agents of infectious diseases of domestic animals. / *Los productos para mascotas descritos abajo han sido tratados de acuerdo con los estándares aprobados en el país exportador y son improbables de diseminar agentes de enfermedades infecciosas de animales domésticos.*
2. All animal origin ingredients in dry, semi-moist and dehydrated pet food products have been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 70⁰ C. Canned pet food products have been treated in hermetically sealed containers with an F₀ of 3.0 or more. / *Todos los ingredientes*

de los alimentos secos, semi-húmedos y deshidratados para mascotas han sido calentados a una temperatura interna mínima de 70⁰ C. Los alimentos enlatados para mascotas han sido tratados en empaques herméticamente sellados con un F₀ de 3.0, o mayor.

3. As mitigation for animal pathogens, finished products were subjected to the following manufacturing process: [example: an extrusion process at temperatures above XX degrees C; finished products are then dried at temperatures above XX degrees for at least XX minutes.] / *Para mitigar patógenos de animales, los productos terminados fueron sujetos al siguiente proceso de fabricación: [ejemplo: un proceso de extrusión a temperaturas por encima de ___ centígrados; los productos terminados son luego secados a temperaturas por encima de ___ grados por lo menos por ___ minutos.]*
4. The product does not contain ruminant origin ingredients or meat and bone meals of ruminant origin except (include as applicable) 1) dairy; 2) protein free tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight; 3) ovine or bovine (specify ingredients legally imported from Australia, New Zealand, or other countries (list as applicable) recognized as free of scrapie and negligible risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy*; and 4) hides and skins. / *El producto no contiene materiales o harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante excepto (incluir según el caso) 1) lácteos; 2) cebo desproteínizado con un nivel máximo de impurezas insolubles del 0.15% en peso; 3) ingredientes de origen ovino o bovino legalmente importados de Australia o Nueva Zelanda o de otros países reconocidos libres de prurigo lumbar y de riesgo insignificante para la encefalopatía espongiiforme bovina (lista según el caso)*; y 4) cueros y pieles.*
5. Finished products are routinely tested and have been found to be free of bacterial contamination. / *Los productos terminados son probados rutinariamente y se determina estar libres de contaminación bacteriana.*
6. Finished products have been tested for mycotoxins and contain less than 10 ppm aflatoxin. / *Los productos terminados han sido probados para micotoxinas y contienen menos de 10 ppm de aflatoxina.*

* Updated information available from the World Animal Health Organization, Official Animal Health Status, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (<http://www.oie.int/>). / *Información actualizada sobre el estatus oficial para la EEB está disponible en la Organización Mundial de Salud Animal (<http://www.oie.int/>).*