

Pet Foods for Dogs and Cats for Export to Colombia

This document provides the requirements and certification statements for the exportation of canned, dry, or semi-moist pet foods containing animal origin ingredients to Colombia. Species of origin include poultry, porcine, bovine, ovine, bison, captive or game cervids and fish.

Product description (product box on VS Form 16-4) should include the species of origin for all animal origin ingredients, as well as the nature of the product.

The bilingual certification statements below should be provided in the Additional Declarations section of the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A as needed. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services. The exporter should be encouraged to verify that the requirements match the expectations of import officials at the port of entry. All required certification statements are provided in both English and Spanish.

Certification statements follow:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. / *Esta oficina tiene en sus archivos una declaración juramentada de [nombre de la compañía] certificando la veracidad de las afirmaciones enunciadas a continuación:*

1. All animal origin ingredients in dry pet food products have been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 90⁰ C. Canned pet food products have been treated in hermetically sealed containers with an F₀ of 3.0 or more. / *Todos los ingredientes de origen animal de los alimentos secos para mascotas han sido calentados a una temperatura interna mínima de 90⁰ C. Los alimentos enlatados para mascotas han sido tratados en empaques herméticamente sellados con un F₀ de 3.0, o mayor.*

[Delete Statement 2 for product that does not include ruminant ingredients, otherwise mark appropriately.]

2. Ruminant ingredients in the pet food product include the following: / *Ingredientes de origen rumiante en el producto para alimentar mascotas incluye lo siguiente:*

___ [Ovine or bovine (specify) ingredients legally imported from Australia, New Zealand, or other countries (list as applicable) recognized as free of scrapie and bovine spongiform encephalopathy. / *Ingredientes de origen [bovino] [y] [ovino] legalmente importados de Australia o Nueva Zelanda o de otros países reconocidos libres (lista según el caso) de prurigo lumbar y encefalopatía espongiforme bovina.*]

___ [Bovine meat and offal that do not contain any SRM material. / *Carne y despojos de origen bovino que no incluyen materiales específicos de riesgo MER.*]

___ [U.S.-origin bovine meals produced in accord with the provisions of the competent feed authority of the United States. / *Harinas bovinas de origen estadounidense producidas de acuerdo con las disposiciones de la autoridad competente de control alimentos de los Estados Unidos.*]

___ [Bison and/or cervid species ingredients. / *Ingredientes de origen bisonte y/o de cérvidos.*]

3. Adequate precautions have been taken during processing and storage of the certified products to prevent any commingling or cross-contamination with prohibited ruminant-origin materials. / *Se han tomado las debidas precauciones durante el procesamiento y almacenamiento de los productos certificados para evitar contaminación cruzada con ingredientes prohibidos de origen rumiante.*
4. Precautions have been taken to avoid recontamination of the product with pathogenic agents after heat treatment. / *Precauciones han sido tomadas para evitar recontaminación del producto con agentes patógenos después del tratamiento con calor.*
5. The product has been packed using new containers and packaging materials in a manner intended to prevent contamination. / *El producto ha sido empacado usando empaques nuevos y materiales nuevos de tal manera para prevenir contaminación.*
6. The formula is authorized in the United States for use as animal feeds. The product is not intended for human consumption. / *La formulación es autorizada en Estados Unidos para uso como alimentos de animales. El producto no está elaborado para consumo humano.*
7. The certified pet food products described herein are unlikely to disseminate agents of infectious diseases of domestic animals. / *Los alimentos para mascotas descritos en este documento no presentan posibilidad de diseminar agentes de enfermedades infecciosas para los animales domésticos.*
8. The product has been manufactured in plants authorized by the official competent authority of the United States. / *El producto ha sido elaborado en plantas autorizadas por la autoridad oficial correspondiente de los Estados Unidos.*
9. The product has been manufactured in accordance with a U.S. system of laws and regulations designed to validate microbial, physiochemical, and compositional quality. / *El producto ha sido elaborado de acuerdo al sistema de leyes y regulaciones de los Estados Unidos diseñadas para validar calidad microbiológica, fisicoquímica y composicional.*
10. The manufacturer maintains records verifying the nutritional and compositional quality of their products. / *El fabricante mantiene registros verificando la calidad composicional y nutricional de sus productos.*