

## **Certificate Requirements to Import Pet Food (including Nutritional Supplements) into Korea**

There are two certificates for pet food exported to Korea. Only ONE certificate should be used for each shipment. The proper certificate is determined by the method of processing to which the pet food has been subjected.

**Korea will NOT accept shipments when the certificate is endorsed after the product shipping date. APHIS will not be able to help exporters get shipments released when the certificate is dated after shipping. APHIS will not pre-date certificates.**

### **Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for the Export of Pet Food from the United States to Korea**

- When this certificate is used, the shipment will be subject to additional quarantine measures in Korea. This quarantine usually takes 1-3 days.

### **Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for the Export of **Sterilized** Pet Food from the United States to Korea**

- When this certificate is used, the shipment will not be subject to additional quarantine measures in Korea.
- This certificate is used **ONLY** when Veterinary Services has verified that the pet food has been subjected to one of the following treatments:
  - with moisture at a minimum of 121°C for at least 15-20 minutes; OR
  - with moisture at a minimum of 115°C for at least 35 minutes; OR
  - with dry heat at a minimum of 160-170°C for at least 1-2 hours.

**Regardless of which certificate is used:**

- The certificate should be printed on area office letterhead and serve as the export certificate for the export of pet food to Korea.
- The facility must be inspected annually by Veterinary Services to allow for verification of certificate requirements and official supervision.

- **Animals from which the material was derived must have been submitted for at least ante mortem examination.**
- **Animal origin material in the pet food must be U.S. origin. **This requirement only applies to mammalian and avian origin materials.** Fish origin ingredients do not have to be U.S. origin, and are not covered by the statement “The pet food is produced from U.S. origin animal ingredients” on the certificate.**
- **All pet food containing ruminant origin items (except for raw hide, milk, and milk products) is prohibited import into Korea.**
- **All pet food must be packaged ready for retail sale.**
- **The certificate should not be altered from the below format.**

The “Date of Shipping” on these certificates must be on or AFTER the date of signature. Certificates must be obtained prior to shipment. APHIS cannot pre-date certificates. The government of Korea will not permit the import of product when the date of shipping is BEFORE the date of certificate endorsement.

Health Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for the Export of Pet Food from the United States to Korea**

**I. Identification**

Name and address of Consignor:

Name and address of Consignee:

Name and address of Producing Plant of pet food:

Method of shipment:

Date of shipment:

Container and seal number:

Place of shipping if different than consignor:

Description of products included in shipment:

Name of product(s):

Type of packaging:

Number of packages:

Net weight of pet food (should match shipping invoice):

The pet food was produced from raw material of the following species:

## II. Attestation

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies the following information regarding the pet food shown on this certificate as shipped to the above consignee:

The products referred to above may be freely sold in the United States as dog or cat food and meet the requirements of the United States.

The pet food does not contain protein (except for milk and milk products) derived from ruminants.

The feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants is banned in the United States. This ban has been effectively enforced.

The United States has been free of the following diseases according to OIE criteria: rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.

The pet food is produced from U.S. origin animal ingredients.

The animals used in the production of the food were presented for examination at slaughter and evaluated favorably for inclusion in pet food, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin.

The producing plant has been approved and is supervised by the U.S. government.

Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated pet food products were sufficiently processed to assure the destruction of harmful pathogens as demonstrated by the fact that finished products (except for hermetically sealed containers) were routinely tested and found negative for salmonella.

Packaging materials:

Canned products are packaged in hermetically sealed containers.

All products are packaged in appropriate packaging material; and packaged ready for retail.

In the case of pet food derived from poultry or poultry products, the pet food has been treated to ensure the destruction of the avian influenza virus, using the following method: (check the appropriate selection)

70°C for at least 30 minutes;

75°C for at least 5 minutes;

80°C for at least 1 minute.

Precautions have been taken to avoid recontamination of the product with pathogenic agents after heat treatment.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Date)

Stamp

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of the official veterinarian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in capital letters, qualifications, and title)

**Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for the Export of Sterilized Pet Food from the  
United States to Korea**

I. Identification

Name and address of Consignor:

Name and address of Consignee:

Name and address of Producing Plant of pet food:

Method of shipment:

Date of shipment:

Container and seal number:

Place of shipping if different than consignor:

Description of products included in shipment:  
Name of product(s):

Type of packaging:

Number of packages:

Net weight of pet food (should match shipping invoice):

The pet food was produced from raw material of the following species:

## II. Attestation

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies the following information regarding the pet food shown on this certificate as shipped to the above consignee:

The products referred to above may be freely sold in the United States as dog or cat food and meet the requirements of the United States.

The pet food does not contain protein (except for milk and milk products) derived from ruminants.

The feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants is banned in the United States. This ban has been effectively enforced.

The United States has been free of the following diseases according to OIE criteria: rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.

The pet food is produced from U.S. origin animal ingredients.

The animals used in the production of the food were presented for examination at slaughter and evaluated favorably for inclusion in pet food, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin.

The producing plant has been approved and is supervised by the U.S. government.

Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated pet food products were sufficiently processed to assure the destruction of harmful pathogens as demonstrated by the fact that finished products (except for hermetically sealed containers) were routinely tested and found negative for salmonella.

### Packaging materials:

Canned products are packaged in hermetically sealed containers.

All products are packaged in appropriate packaging material; and packaged ready for retail.

The pet food has been treated under the following conditions: (check the appropriate selection)

- \_\_\_\_\_ with moisture at a minimum of 121°C for at least 15-20 minutes;
- \_\_\_\_\_ with moisture at a minimum of 115°C for at least 35 minutes;
- \_\_\_\_\_ with dry heat at a minimum of 160-170°C for at least 1-2 hours.

Precautions have been taken to avoid recontamination of the product with pathogenic agents after heat treatment.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Date)

Stamp

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of the official veterinarian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in capital letters, qualifications, and title)