

## **Pet Foods and Pet Treats for Export to Trinidad and Tobago**

For the export of pet foods and pet treats to Trinidad and Tobago, the following certification statements 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.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The products may be freely sold in the United States as pet food.
2. Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated products were sufficiently heat processed to assure destruction of pathogens of concern.
3. Canned (hermetically sealed products) were treated to an  $F_0$  of 3.0 or more.
4. Precautions were taken after processing to avoid contamination of the products.
5. All products have been packed using new containers and packaging materials.