

Pet Food Exported to Turkey from the United States

USDA has not agreed to the below requirements. Certification of pet food to Turkey is under negotiation. However, until an agreement is reached, the government of Turkey is requiring the following protocol. Exporters wishing to export to Turkey prior to agreement on a protocol must meet these requirements of the government of Turkey.

Ineligible products:

The following pet foods are not eligible for export to Turkey:

- Pet food containing any ruminant origin ingredients (other than dairy or hides or skins) if that pet food is **manufactured, labeled, packaged, or stored in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama**. Even if the ruminant origin ingredients are imported from a BSE free country, the pet food is banned.
- Pet food containing US origin ruminant origin ingredients (other than dairy or hides or skins).
- Pet food containing poultry (including egg) origin ingredients except for: Pet food containing no poultry-origin ingredients other than those poultry-origin ingredients that have been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 70° C for 3.5 seconds.

Eligible products:

Turkey is believed to permit the import of the following pet food only:

- Pet food containing no ruminant origin ingredients.
- Pet food containing no ruminant origin ingredients except for dairy or hides or skins.
- Pet food containing no ruminant origin ingredients except for those imported from countries recognized by Turkey as being free of BSE, **IF** this pet food is not processed in any way in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama.
- Pet food containing no poultry-origin ingredients.
- Pet food containing no poultry-origin ingredients other than those poultry-origin ingredients that have been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 70° C for 3.5 seconds.

Certification Requirements

Pet food shipments must be accompanied by a VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2004 Version) with the following **three** exact items added to the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATION” area. **The fourth statement is only required if Turkey has imposed an avian influenza ban on one of the U.S. states, otherwise it is optional. Go back to the general Turkey page and view “Important information regarding trade bans on poultry products” to determine if an avian influenza ban is in place.”**

(No attestations other than the below 3-4 may be included on the certificate. The statements may not be paraphrased or changed in any way.)

- I. **The statement** “This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert manufacturer’s name here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.”

II. One of the following statements:

OPTION A (for pet food that is not hermetically sealed)

The statement "The pet food was analyzed by a random sampling of at least five samples from each lot with the following standards:

Salmonella: absence in 25g: $n = 5, c = 0, m = 0, M = 0,$

Enterobacteriaceae: $n = 5, c = 2, m = 10, M = 300$ in 1 gram;

Where:

n = number of samples to be tested,

m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all samples does not exceed m ,

M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more samples is M or more, and

c = number of samples the bacterial count of which may be between m and M , the sample still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other samples is m or less."

OR

OPTION B (for hermetically sealed pet food)

"In case of canned pet food, the pet food has been subjected to a heat treatment to a minimum F_c value of 3."

III. One of the following 3 statements:

Option A (for pet food not containing any ruminant origin materials):

"Certified pet food does not contain any ruminant origin materials."

OR

Option B (for pet food containing no ruminant origin materials except for hides or skins):

"Certified pet food does not contain any ruminant origin materials except for [insert as appropriate: dairy or hides or skins]."

OR

Option C (for pet food containing ruminant origin ingredients other than hides and skins- which must be imported)

"Certified pet food:

1. Was not manufactured in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama; AND
2. Does not contain any ruminant origin material [insert/complete as appropriate: *except for dairy products, ruminant hides or skins, _____originating in and imported from _____ (insert country name).*]"***

***Each ruminant origin item should be listed, and for those (except dairy and hides and skins) the country of origin should be detailed. This country must be one recognized by Turkey as free of BSE.

IV. One of the following 2 statements:

Option A (for pet food either heated to a minimum internal temperature of 70° C for 1 second, or containing no poultry-origin ingredients other than those poultry ingredients that have been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 70° C for 1 second):

“All poultry origin ingredients in the pet food have been heated to a minimum of 70°C for a minimum of 3.5 seconds during the production process.”

OR

Option B (for pet food not containing any poultry origin materials):

“The pet food does not contain any ingredients derived from poultry.”

Note regarding laboratory results (Roman number II above).

Option A: Lab reports: In order for this statement to be included on the certificate, lot specific test reports must be presented to the APHIS Area Office endorsing the certificate with the certificate. Those reports may not be part of the certificate itself.