

Pet* Chews
Containing Hides but NO other Animal-Origin Ingredients other than Dairy, Fish, Gelatin, Dicalcium Phosphate, and/or Collagen

[Note- if pet chews contain no animal origin ingredients other than dairy, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen- these are not the right requirements. For dog chews containing no animal origin ingredients other than dairy, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen- see the document entitled: “[Dog food and cat food containing NO animal origin ingredients](#) other than those originating from milk, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen.”]

If pet chews contain hides but no other animal origin ingredients other than **dairy, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen**, then the producing facility does not need to be inspected by Taiwanese authorities. However, it does need to be inspected by APHIS.

A. ADDITIONAL DECLARATION box of the VS Form 16-4. Pet chews derived from hides but no other animal origin ingredients other than **dairy, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen** - may be exported on a VS Form 16-4 with the following exact statements in the “additional declaration” block.

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- I. Product produced in a State **not** currently banned by Taiwan for highly pathogenic avian influenza or Newcastle disease (**or** product that **does not** contain poultry-origin materials):

Additional declarations:

Products described below were manufactured at the following facility approved by a competent government authority in the United States for the production of pet chews: [insert name and address of manufacturer].

The products were produced [insert manufacturing date or dates].

Products are packaged in new and never before used packaging material.

The only animal origin ingredients in the products are: [insert all that are appropriate: rawhide, dairy, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen.]

Plus, if the individual packages of the certified material contain package labels that contain company information that is not identical to the name and address of the manufacturer noted above:

[Name and address of manufacturing facility] also produces the products included in this consignment labeled with the following company information: [company name(s) and address(es) that appears on the packages in the consignment].

- II. Product produced in a State currently banned by Taiwan for highly pathogenic avian influenza or Newcastle disease that contains poultry origin materials:

Additional declarations:

Products described below were manufactured at the following facility approved by a competent government authority in the United States for the production of pet chews: [insert name and address of manufacturer].

The products were produced [insert manufacturing date or dates].

Products are packaged in new and never before used packaging material.

The only animal origin ingredients in the products are: [insert all that are appropriate: rawhide, dairy, fish, and or gelatin.]

Rawhide was heat-treated with the core of the product reaching a temperature of 70C for at least 30 minutes, or 80C for at least 9 minutes, or 100C for 1 minute. The products are handled in such a way as to prevent contamination with pathogenic microorganisms or any other animal origin materials.

Plus, if the individual packages of the certified material contain package labels that contain company information that is not identical to the name and address of the manufacturer noted above:

[Name and address of manufacturing facility] also produces the products included in this consignment labeled with the following company information: [company name(s) and address(es) that appears on the packages in the consignment].

B. PRODUCT Box of the VS Form 16-4 must contain the following text:

product name: [e.g. Dog chews]

quantity: [e.g. 500 pounds (10 5 pound boxes and 5 10 pound bags)]

species of origin: [e.g. bovine and avian]

Note- quantity must include the weight and number of packages. A "total" weight is not acceptable, if items are individually packaged. Taiwan is looking for descriptions such as the following: "500 pounds dog chews (10 5-pound bags, 1 50-pound bag, and 4 100-pound bags)."

A generic product name, e.g. "pet food," should be used instead of listing the name of each item.

Information regarding product codes is not required and should not be included on the certificate endorsed by APHIS. If exporters wish to provide this information to their importers, they should do it via other documentation (not endorsed by APHIS or part of the certificate endorsed by APHIS). It is strongly recommended that this documentation be provided to the importer via a method other than accompanying the shipment. Numerous shipments of pet food to Taiwan have been placed on hold in Taiwan because documentation provided indicated that product codes were different than some information on product packaging.

C. IDENTIFICATION BOX of the VS Form 16-4 must contain enough text to linked the certificate to the materials actually shipped. For example: container number or lot numbers.

* These requirements apply to chews containing no animal origin ingredients other than hides, dairy, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen intended for consumption by any companion animal, e.g. dog, cat, caged house bird, etc.