

DOG AND CAT FOOD* CONTAINING NON-EXEMPT ANIMAL ORIGIN INGREDIENTS

***These requirements also pertain to dog/cat food vitamin and mineral supplements, e.g., chewable tablets.**

General Information

Taiwan prohibits the importation of dog and cat food from the United States with some exceptions as noted below.

- Dog and cat foods containing NO animal origin ingredients are permitted entry. [See entry on “Dog and cat food containing NO animal origin ingredients” for export certification requirements.]
- Dog and cat foods containing no animal origin ingredients other than milk, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen are permitted entry. Milk, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen are considered exempt or non-regulated ingredients. [See entry on “Dog and cat food containing NO animal origin ingredients other than those originating from milk, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen” for export certification requirements.]
- Pet chews containing no animal-origin ingredients other than hides (which includes poultry skins) plus or minus exempt animal origin ingredients (i.e., milk, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen. [See entry on “Pet chews containing hides but NO other animal-origin ingredients other than milk, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen” for export certification requirements.]
- Dog and cat foods produced by manufacturing facilities inspected and approved by the government of Taiwan. This document provides guidance on this category of dog and cat foods.

Facility Approval by Taiwan (BAPHIQ)

Dog and cat food manufacturers desiring to export products to Taiwan with non-exempt animal origin ingredients must apply to the Taiwanese government’s Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Quarantine (BAPHIQ) for inspection and approval of their manufacturing facilities. This approval is not transferable between different facilities owned by the same company.

APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) is not involved in arranging for these inspections. The Pet Food Institute (PFI) has volunteered to coordinate applications for inspections through the USDA representatives with the American Institute of Taiwan in Taipei, Taiwan.

For further information on the Taiwanese application and approval process, interested manufacturers should contact:

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APHIS VS involvement in the overall approval process is limited to completion of a **“Plant Certification for Manufacturers of Pet Food to be Exported to Taiwan.”** Manufacturers should contact their local VS Area Office for instructions on how to obtain this form after consulting with PFI.

Once a facility is approved by Taiwan, only products manufactured on or after the approval date established by BAPHIQ may be certified for export. BAPHIQ will not allow entry of products manufactured prior to the approval date.

In some cases, BAPHIQ may impose special restrictions on the approval, including limits on the species of the animal-origin ingredients (other than the exempt ingredients, i.e., milk, fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen). Since the facility approvals are granted by BAPHIQ and not VS, the VS Area Office may not be aware of all facility-specific restrictions. If VS is aware of special restrictions, they will be noted on the internal VS database, and VS will not knowingly endorse certificates for products that do not fully comply with them.

Certification of Products for Export

VS endorses export certificates for shipments of dog and cat food to Taiwan from facilities approved by BAPHIQ. The endorsing VS Area Office will check the VS internal database to be sure that the manufacturing/exporting facility(ies) is/are approved by Taiwan. While VS notes any special restrictions that we are aware of in the database, it is the exporter’s responsibility to ensure that the shipments meet the requirements of Taiwan, including any special restrictions.

The VS 16-4 may NOT be used for these shipments. The certificates required for these exports, which have been bilaterally agreed to by APHIS VS and BAPHIQ, are described below. The appropriate documents to use depend on whether the shipment includes products manufactured by ONE approved manufacturing facility OR the shipment includes products manufactured by two or more approved manufacturing facilities.

The certificates are as follows:

- “DOG/CAT FOOD CONTAINING ANIMAL ORIGIN INGREDIENTS (OTHER THAN MILK, FISH, GELATIN, DICALCIUM PHOSPHATE, AND/OR COLLAGEN) EXPORTED TO TAIWAN (Short Form A).” This certificate is to be used for shipments containing products from a SINGLE approved manufacturing facility.*
- “DOG/CAT FOOD CONTAINING ANIMAL ORIGIN INGREDIENTS (OTHER THAN MILK, FISH, GELATIN, DICALCIUM PHOSPHATE, AND/OR COLLAGEN) EXPORTED TO TAIWAN (Long Form B).” This certificate is to be used for shipments containing products from TWO OR MORE approved manufacturing facilities. The detailed information on each manufacturing facility must be provided using the “Manufacturing Facility Addendum. “ An Addendum is needed for EACH manufacturing facility.

*A certificate continuation page (“Certificate Continuation Page”) may also be needed to provide the additional attestation(s) required if the consignment contains packages with labels that do NOT show the exact company name and address of the approved manufacturing facility identified on the certificate. This continuation page may be used for this purpose with both the Short Form A or the Long Form B.

To access the above referenced certificates in fillable adobe format, please close this document. That should return you to the page that includes this link (on general information) plus links for all the referenced documents.

[For more information on how to complete the referenced certificates, please see the following pages.](#)

**DOG/CAT FOOD CONTAINING ANIMAL ORIGIN INGREDIENTS (OTHER
THAN MILK, FISH, GELATIN, DICALCIUM PHOSPHATE, AND/OR
COLLAGEN) EXPORTED TO TAIWAN**
(Short Form A)

This certificate is only to be used for a shipment/shipping container with dog/cat foods produced by a single manufacturing facility approved by BAPHIQ. Instructions for completion of the certificate are as follows:

1. Leave the “Certificate Number” and “Date” blocks at the top of each certificate page blank. These sections will be completed by the endorsing VS Area Office.
2. Complete the page number block to indicate the total number of pages in the certificate. [The total number of pages will be 3 unless a continuation page is needed. If one or more continuation pages are used, number accordingly, e.g., 1 of 4, 1 of 5.] The only continuation page allowed is the one provided by VS (“Certificate Continuation Page”), and it may only be used for the purposes approved by VS.
3. Leave the fillable space above the certificate title blank. This space is reserved for the endorsing VS Area Office and will only be used if a certificate “reissue” is needed.
4. Under the statement “This office has on file a notarized affidavit from,” enter the name of the company providing the notarized affidavit. If the company/exporter providing the affidavit is not the manufacturing company, an additional affidavit from the manufacturing company must be provided to the endorsing VS Area Office.
5. For statement #1, “The certified dog/cat food was produced at the following manufacturer approved by BAPHIQ,” enter the name and address of the approved manufacturing facility. DO not include the APHIS reference number for the manufacturing facility in this block or in any section of the certificate.
 - a. The name and address of the manufacturing facility must be exactly as it is on the VS database and as BAPHIQ records indicate. This includes the use of any abbreviations. The only exceptions to the requirement for the information to be exact are for “case” (upper vs. lower case) and State abbreviations (i.e., the standard 2-letter State code may be used in lieu of the entire State name).
 - b. Exporters should have manufacturing facilities consult with their local VS Area Office regarding any questions about the “exact” name and address of the facility (as recognized by BAPHIQ) OR if any changes are necessary.
6. IF the shipment contains products that are not labeled with the EXACT same company name and address of the manufacturer identified under statement #1:
 - a. Add a statement in block #1 stating that “[Insert name and address of manufacturing facility] also produces the products included in this consignment labeled with the following company information: [insert company name(s) and address(es) that appears on the packages in the consignment.]”
 - b. IF there is not enough room for this statement, please use the “Certificate Continuation Page.” Under #1, put “See continuation page [indicate page number].”
 - c. If the “Certificate Continuation Page” is needed, please follow the guidance for this document (link on same page as link for “General Information.”)

7. For statement #2, “The certified dog/cat food was produced,” enter the date of production or the range of production dates.
 - a. Use a range of dates when there are multiple production dates.
 - b. The production date(s) must not be earlier than the date that the manufacturing facility was approved by Taiwan.
 - c. IF a range of dates is used, do NOT include dates in the future. The date or range of dates should not include any dates later than the date the certificate is endorsed.
8. For statement #3, “The certified dog/cat food was derived from animals of the following species,” enter the applicable species of origin of ALL animal origin ingredients in the certified dog/cat food.
 - a. For milk-origin ingredients, or fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen, the ingredient type should also be specified (e.g., “dairy (bovine)”).
 - b. If ruminant-origin ingredients other than dairy, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen are included in the certified dog/cat foods, provide the endorsing VS Area Office with a certificate for the ingredients from the country of origin verifying that the ingredients originate only from a country or countries that have been recognized by Taiwan’s Council of Agriculture as “free of BSE.”
 - c. All ruminant-origin ingredients as noted in “b” above must have been approved by BAPHIQ during their inspection of the manufacturing plant.
9. For statement #4, select “A” if the certified dog/cat foods contain no ruminant-origin ingredients (except dairy, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen). Select “B” if the dog/cat foods do contain ruminant-origin ingredients other than dairy, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen. IF “B” is selected, enter the country or countries of origin for these ingredients.
10. Statements #5 and #6 are stand alone statements. These statements are not to be altered in any way. Adding, deleting, or amending any of the information in these statements is prohibited.
11. Leave the “Date”, “Signature”, “Printed name and title of the signatory” and “VS Office issuing certificate” sections blank. These sections will be completed by the endorsing VS Area Office.
12. In Section I, “Product description,”
 - a. Type of product: The type of product is already identified as “Dog/Cat Food.” Do NOT add any information to this description.
 - b. Type of packaging, number of packages and weight: In the fillable space provided, summarize the type of packaging, number of packages, and weights of the certified dog/cat foods. A “total weight” alone is NOT acceptable if items are individually packaged. The information must indicate the number of each type of packing included. For example: *“500 pounds dry dog food (10-5 pound bags; 1-50 pound bag; and 4-100 pound bags); 230 ounces canned cat food (20 -5.5 ounce cans, 40-3 ounce cans).*
13. In Sections II-III, “Exporter name and address” and “Consignee name and address,” enter the relevant information.
14. In Section IV, “Identification of shipment,” enter pertinent information sufficient to link the products being exported with the certificate (e.g., container numbers, lot numbers or other similar identifying information appearing on other export documents accompanying the shipment).

SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATE DOCUMENTS TO VS AREA OFFICE:

1. Prior to submitting the certificate (with continuation pages, as applicable) to the endorsing VS Area Office:
 - a. Verify with the importer that all products to be exported are eligible for entry into Taiwan.
 - b. Ensure that the products being exported meet all limitations for the manufacturing facility's BAPHIQ approval.
 - c. Prepare the certificate and review it for accuracy and completeness (i.e., all applicable sections have been completed; there are no typos or incorrectly spelled words).
 - d. Ensure the supporting notarized affidavits have been prepared (i.e., the exporter's notarized affidavit and the manufacturer's notarized affidavit if the exporter is not the manufacturer).
 - e. Email the prepared certificate, together with copies of the required notarized affidavits and supporting export certificates for any ruminant-origin ingredients other than dairy, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen.
2. **Notify the endorsing VS Area Office at the time of submission if the certificate is to replace a previously endorsed version.** There are specific procedures that must be followed with reissued certificates. Obtaining a second certificate for a shipment and failing to let the VS Area Office know that you are requesting a "reissue" could result in rejection of your shipment, or if the shipment is already onhold, a refusal by BAPHIQ to release it.

For instructions on how to complete the appropriate certificate for dog/cat foods manufactured by two or more facilities approved by BAPHIQ, please proceed to page 7.

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THAN MILK, FISH, GELATIN, DICALCIUM PHOSPHATE, AND/OR
COLLAGEN) EXPORTED TO TAIWAN**
(Long Form B)

This certificate is only to be used for a shipment/shipping container with dog/cat foods produced by multiple (two or more) manufacturing facilities approved by BAPHIQ. Instructions for completion of the certificate are as follows:

1. Leave the “Certificate Number” and “Date” blocks at the top of each certificate page blank. These sections will be completed by the endorsing VS Area Office.
2. Complete the page number block to indicate the total number of pages in the certificate. [NOTE: A “Manufacturing Facility Addendum” must be completed for EACH of the approved manufacturing facilities that produced dog/cat foods included in the shipment.]
3. Leave the fillable space above the certificate title blank. This space is reserved for the endorsing VS Area Office and will only be used if a certificate “reissue” is needed.
4. Under the statement, “This office has on file a notarized affidavit from,” enter the name of the company providing the notarized affidavit. The exporting company may or may not be one of the approved manufacturers that produced dog/cat foods included in the shipment. [Please note that notarized affidavits from the approved manufacturing companies must also be provided to the VS Area Office].
5. For statement #1, “The certified dog/cat food was produced at the following manufacturers approved by BAPHIQ: See pages,” enter the applicable number of pages (e.g., 3-4, 3-5). This information will be provided on the “Manufacturing Facility Addendum” and there will be one addendum per approved manufacturing facility. The first addendum will be page 3, and subsequent copies of the addendum will be numbered consecutively.
6. For statement #2, “The certified dog/cat food was produced: See pages,” enter the page numbers for the addendums as noted in #5 above. The information on production dates or range of production dates will be provided for each approved manufacturing facility on the applicable addendum.
7. For statement #3, “The certified dog/cat food was derived from animals of the following species: See pages,” enter the page numbers for the addendums as noted in #5 above. This information will be provided for each approved manufacturing facility on the applicable addendum.
8. For statement #4, select “A” if the certified dog/cat foods contain no ruminant-origin ingredients (except dairy, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen). Select “B” if the dog/cat foods do contain ruminant-origin ingredients other than dairy, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen. IF “B” is selected, enter the country or countries of origin for these ingredients.
9. Statements #5 and #6 are stand alone statements. These statements are not to be altered in any way. Adding, deleting, or amending any of the information in these statements is prohibited.
10. Leave the “Date”, “Signature”, and “Printed name and title of the signatory”, and “VS Office issuing certificate” sections blank. These sections will be completed by the endorsing VS Area Office.

11. In Section I, “Product description,”
 - a. Type of product: The type of product is already identified as “Dog/Cat Food.” Do NOT add any information to this description.
 - b. Type of packaging, number of packages, and weight: In the fillable block for “See pages,” enter the applicable number of pages (e.g., 3-4, 3-5). This information will be provided for each approved manufacturing facility on the applicable addendum.
12. In Sections II and III, “Exporter name and address” and “Consignee name and address,” enter the relevant information.
13. In Section IV, “Identification of shipment,” enter pertinent information sufficient to link the products being exported with the certificate (e.g., container numbers, lot numbers, or other similar identifying information appearing on other export documents accompanying the shipment).

MANUFACTURING FACILITY ADDENDUM:

1. As noted in Number 2 on the preceding page, the “Manufacturing Facility Addendum” must be used with the “DOG/CAT FOOD CONTAINING ANIMAL ORIGIN INGREDIENTS (OTHER THAN MILK, FISH, GELATIN, DICALCIUM PHOSPHATE, AND/OR COLLAGEN) EXPORTED TO TAIWAN (Long Form B).”
2. One “Manufacturing Facility Addendum” is used for EACH of the approved manufacturing facilities that produced dog/cat foods included in the shipment.
3. Instructions for completion of the “Manufacturing Facility Addendum” are as follows:
 - a. Under the statement “This office has on file a notarized affidavit from,” enter the name of the company (exporter) providing the notarized affidavit.
 - b. Under the statement “The below products were produced at the following manufacturer approved by BAPHIQ,” enter the name and address of the approved manufacturing facility. DO not include the APHIS reference number for the manufacturing facility.
NOTE: This information must be exactly as it is on the VS database and as BAPHIQ records indicate (including use of abbreviations). The only exceptions to the requirement for the information to be exact are for “case” (upper vs. lower) and State abbreviations (i.e., the standard 2-letter State code may be used in lieu of the entire State name).
 - c. IF the approved manufacturing facility identified on this Addendum produced dog/cat foods included in the shipment which are not labeled with the EXACT same company name and address of the approved establishment, add a statement in this block that “[Insert name and address of manufacturing facility] also produces the products included in this consignment labeled with the following company information: [insert name(s) and address(es) that appears on the packages in the consignment.]” If a continuation page is needed, enter “See continuation page [indicate page number].” Use the “Certificate Continuation Page” and follow the guidance for this document (link on same page as link for “General Information.”)
 - d. Complete the table on the “Manufacturing Facility Addendum” per the instructions in #4 below.

4. Completion of “Manufacturing Facility Addendum” table:
 - a. In the first column “Product name and/or number,” enter the names (or numbers if applicable) of the products manufactured by the approved facility identified in the section above the table.
 - b. In the second column “Number of packages,” enter the number of packages of each product name/number included in the shipment.
 - c. In the third column “Package size (including unit),” enter the pertinent information for each product identified in the first column (e.g., 1 pound bags; 5.5 ounce cans).
 - d. In the fourth column “Lot/Batch Number(s),” enter the pertinent information for each product identified in the first column.
 - e. In the fifth column “Species of origin of animal-origin ingredients,” enter the applicable species of origin of ALL animal origin ingredients for each product identified in the first column. For milk-origin ingredients, or fish, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen, the ingredient type should also be specified (e.g., “dairy (bovine)”).
 - f. In the sixth column “Production date(s) (may be range),” enter the date of production or the range of production dates for each product identified in the first column. IF there are multiple production dates, use a range of dates. Note that the production date(s) must not be earlier than the date the manufacturing facility was approved by Taiwan. IF a range of dates is used, do NOT include dates in the future. The date or range of dates should not include any dates later than the date the certificate is endorsed.

SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATE DOCUMENTS TO VS AREA OFFICE:

3. Prior to submitting the certificate (with “Manufacturing Facility Addendums” and continuation pages, if needed) to the endorsing VS Area Office:
 - a. Verify with the importer that all products to be exported are eligible for entry into Taiwan.
 - b. Ensure that the products being exported meet all limitations for each manufacturing facility’s BAPHIQ approval.
 - c. Prepare the certificate (including each of the Manufacturing Facility Addendums, and review it for accuracy and completeness (i.e., all applicable sections have been completed; there are no typos or incorrectly spelled words).
 - d. Ensure the supporting notarized affidavits have been prepared (i.e., the exporter’s notarized affidavit and the manufacturer notarized affidavits as applicable).
 - e. Email the prepared certificate, together with copies of the required notarized affidavits and supporting export certificates for any ruminant-origin ingredients other than dairy, gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, and/or collagen.
4. **Notify the endorsing VS Area Office at the time of submission if the certificate is to replace a previously endorsed version.** There are specific procedures that must be followed with reissued certificates. Obtaining a second certificate for a shipment and failing to let the VS Area Office know that you are requesting a “reissue” could result in rejection of your shipment, or if the shipment is already onhold, a refusal by BAPHIQ to release it.