

## Certification for the Export of Pet Food to Argentina

Argentina prohibits the importation of pet food containing ruminant origin materials from the United States and shipments are subject to species identification testing. However, shipments of pet foods containing ovine ingredients imported from Australia and New Zealand have been acceptable. The export health certificate must clearly identify such ingredients. Exporters are encouraged to check with their importer to verify labeling and import requirements.

Exports of pet food from production plants that also process ruminant material sourced from countries other than Australia or New Zealand should provide evidence of an effective separation protocol. NCIE recommends that export lots of pet food from such production plants be tested to determine apparent freedom from ruminant materials.

Important note: Exports of pet food from production plants that also process ruminant material sourced from countries other than Australia or New Zealand should provide evidence of an effective separation protocol and/or evidence of effective use of flushing. NCIE recommends that export lots of pet food from such production plants be tested with ELISA cooked meat speciation technology to determine freedom from ruminant materials.

An itemized listing of the products containing animal ingredients covered by the certificate should not be part of the certificate. Please note, however, that all invoice numbers covered by the certificate must be listed in the IDENTIFICATION block of the VS form 16-4 and that these invoices must be presented to SENASA with the certificate.

Recommended statements for the VS form 16-4 are as follows:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below: / *Esta oficina mantiene en archivos una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la certeza de las declaraciones de abajo:*

1. The raw materials used in the manufacture of the product were obtained from healthy animals subject to slaughter inspection and found to be fit for inclusion in pet food. The product was manufactured in authorized facilities subject to inspection by the United States Department of Agriculture. / *Las materias primas usadas en la manufactura del producto fueron obtenidos de animales sanos sujetos a inspección en la planta de faena y se encontraron aptos para su inclusión en alimentos de mascota. Los productos fueron manufacturados en establecimientos habilitados sujetos a inspección del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos.*

2. The pet food exported to the Republic of Argentina comes from establishments authorized by the Official Veterinary Authority of the U.S., and all their equipment is subject to cleaning and disinfection processes that ensure the absence of residues of raw materials of other origin. / *Las partidas que se exportan a la Republica de Argentina*

*proceden de establecimientos habilitados por la Autoridad Veterinaria Oficial de EE.UU. y que todo su equipamiento es sometido a procesos de limpieza y desinfección que aseguran la ausencia de residuos de materias primas de otro origen.*

3. All sources of animal products used in the manufacture of the products are certified in this certificate. / *Todas las fuentes de materias primas de origen animal usadas en la manufactura de estos productos son aquellas certificadas en este certificado.*

4. The production line used to produce the product either handles no ruminant meat and meal products except those from Australia and New Zealand or uses effective flushing processes and maintains separation protocol that have been monitored to determine no presence of ruminant materials unless included as an approved ingredient. / *La línea de producción usada para fabricar el producto no manipula alimentos y carne de rumiantes a excepción de aquellos provenientes de Australia o Nueva Zelanda, o utiliza un proceso de limpieza efectivo y mantiene un protocolo de separación que ha sido monitoreado para determinar la ausencia de material rumiante a excepción de aquellos incluidos como ingrediente aprobado.*

5. The products have been subjected during processing to a heat temperature designed to ensure the destruction of pathogenic agents harmful to animals. / *Los productos han sido sometidos durante su elaboración a un tratamiento tal que garantiza la destrucción de cualquier agente patógeno que afecte la salud animal.*

6. The handling conditions, packaging and transportation are subject to hygiene and internationally recommended sanitary regulations with necessary precaution to avoid the contact of this product with any other source of potential contamination. / *Las condiciones de manipuleo, carga y transporte se ajustan a las normas de higiene y sanidad recomendados internacionalmente que aseguran las precauciones necesarias para evitar el contacto con de los productos con cualquier fuente potencial de contaminación de las mismas.*