

Exportation of Sea Cucumber Powder to Australia for Use in Pet Food

This document provides guidance for the export of sea cucumber powder to Australia intended for use in pet food.

Prior to submitting a request to the [endorsing Veterinary Services \(VS\) Service Center](#), please:

1. Verify with the importer that all products to be exported under this protocol are eligible for entry to Australia;
2. Ensure that product being exported meets all stipulations of the Australian import permit;
3. Prepare a VS Form 16-4 export certificate and review for accuracy and completeness; and
4. Ensure the supporting notarized affidavit(s) has/have been prepared (i.e. the exporter's notarized affidavit and the manufacturer's affidavit if the exporter is not the manufacturer).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. Australia Import Permit

Prior to export, importers must apply for and obtain an Australia import permit for this commodity.

2. VS Form 16-4 Export Certification

Prior to export, exporters must also obtain VS Form 16-4 export certificate endorsed by APHIS Veterinary Services. The following exact text must appear in the "Additional Declarations" section of the VS Form 16-4. No additional text may be added.

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

1. *The ingredients used in the manufacture of these products were not derived from terrestrial animals or avian. This includes egg products, dairy products and feathers.*
2. *No material derived from fish of the family Salmonidae (i.e. salmon, trout or related species) is used in the manufacture of these products.*

3. Manufacturer's Declaration

A manufacturer's declaration signed by the manufacturer must accompany the shipment. This declaration must contain statements regarding heat-treatment that are consistent with the requirements as per the Australian import permit, under the section entitled "Manufacturer's Declaration." This manufacturer's declaration is not referenced nor endorsed by the U.S. government.

Example: All parts of the product have been heated to a minimum of either:

1. *A minimum of 85°C for a period of not less than 15 minutes; or*
2. *A minimum of 80°C for a period of not less than 20 minutes.*

Any sea cucumber powder exported to Australia without the documentation outlined as above will likely be placed on hold until the proper documentation is provided.