

Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for Export of Unprocessed (Raw) or Minimally Heat Treated Pet Food or Pet Treats

This certificate is ONLY to be used for shipments of unprocessed or minimally heat - treated food pet foods or pet treats from facilities that have been inspected and approved by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) for export to Canada. The certificate is intended to cover all unprocessed or minimally heat-treated pet food and pet treats exported from APHIS-approved facilities, including shipments that contain no bovine-based pet foods. For more information on how to obtain facility approval, the interested party should contact their [local VS Service Center](#).

For the purposes of this certificate “minimally heat treated” product is defined as a product where the finished product or any of the animal origin ingredients has received a heat treatment that is less than the following, or where the required heat treatment was done in a country other than the United States or Canada (other than for certain highly processed ingredients):

Egg: 57 °C for 27 minutes

Poultry: 65 °C for 14 minutes, or 74 °C for 5 minutes

Bovinae, ovine, caprine, or porcine: 70 °C for 30 minutes, 79 °C for 30 seconds, or 90 °C internal temperature.

This certificate should not be used for pet supplements which do not meet the requirements of the thermally processed pet food certificate. For those products, Canadian importers should apply for an import permit with Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) which will then detail the requirements.

The certificate is posted as a **single-use** multi-page certificate with an optional (as needed) continuation page. The certificate and continuation page are available as fillable PDF forms which can be completed electronically by the exporter and sent via email to the endorsing VS Service Center. Exporters should work with their endorsing VS Service Center regarding ways to expedite the return of endorsed certificates.

For the VS Service Center to certify U.S. origin pet foods using the VETERINARY EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR UNPROCESSED (RAW) OR MINIMALLY HEAT TREATED PET FOOD OR PET TREATS CONTAINING ANIMAL ORIGIN INGREDIENTS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA:

- If the exporter is not the approved manufacturing facility, the exporter must provide documentation to show that the pet foods for export were manufactured in facilities approved by APHIS/VS; and
- The VS Area Office must verify that the manufacturing facility(ies) has/have been approved by VS and are listed in the APHIS internal database as being approved to export the pertinent product to Canada.

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Instructions for Completion of Health Certificate:

1. If using the fillable PDF forms, navigation through the certificate can be accomplished using the tab key or mouse.
2. Page numbers: these blanks should be completed to reflect the page numbers and the total number of pages in the certificate. For example, if two continuation pages are needed, the pages should be numbered “Page 1 of 4, Page 2 of 4, Page 3 of 4, and Page 4 of 4.”
3. Health Certificate No.: Leave this blank. The Health Certificate number is assigned by the VS Service Center.
4. **Name and address of consignor (exporter):** Self-explanatory. Include the name and address of the exporter in the fillable space.
5. **Name and address of consignee (importer):** Self-explanatory. Include the name and address of the Canadian importer in the fillable space. This certificate is intended to only cover the importer who will take control of the pet food after it passes Customs in Canada. If you are shipping to multiple importers, obtain an export certificate for each importer.
6. **Processing Plant (Name, Address OR USDA APHIS approval number)** Enter the name of the manufacturing facility, the address, and the APHIS approval number. ****If the pet food in the shipment was produced by more than one manufacturer, and the information will not fit on the certificate, enter “Please see Addendum” in this fillable space and include the Addendum (see link for Addendum) - numbered as part of the certificate - with your submission. Identify all possible manufacturers for the pet foods that will be included in the shipment covered by this certificate. Please include the name of the facilities (including any “aka’s” or “dba’s”), and the APHIS approval number. Approved facilities should be listed alphabetically in this section.**
7. **Description of Product:** Please check the pertinent fillable boxes. If the shipments covered by this certificate include both bovine and non-bovine pet foods, please check both boxes.
8. **Intended End Use:** RESALE. This is not a fillable space. This certificate is only intended to cover shipments of pet foods intended for resale (commercial use) in Canada. If the pet foods have a different intended end use, the Canadian importer should coordinate with Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on entry requirements.
9. **Port of Entry:** This is not a fillable space. Any Canadian port of entry is permitted.
10. **Date of Endorsement:** Self-explanatory. Date Service Center will endorse certificate.
11. **Means of Transportation:** Please check the pertinent box.
12. Veterinary Attestations:
 - All applicable boxes in this section should be checked. In the fillable PDF forms, boxes can be checked by “right clicking” with the mouse, or by hitting the “enter” key or space bar.
 - Attestation #12: If the pet food products in the shipments to be covered by this certificate

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will include dairy ingredients (from any species) a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required stating if the dairy ingredients are pasteurized or raw. If the dairy ingredients are raw the state(s) and country where the dairy ingredients were collected must be listed in the affidavit.

- 13. Place, Date, Signature, and Title of Signatory:** Leave these fillable spaces blank. They will be completed by the endorsing VS Office.