

Certification Requirements: Inedible Non-Ruminant Products – For Use in Pet Food

The following certification statements, as applicable, should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 for the exportation of inedible non-ruminant products to Canada for use in pet food. Please see the link on the main Canada page of the International Animal Products Regulations (IREGs) entitled “Required Language Prefacing Attestations on Export Certificates for Canada” for information regarding endorsement of animal product export certificates for Canada. As noted in that document, the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Area Office may require additional documentation or a facility inspection, as deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements.

Please note that the product description (product box on VS Form 16-4) should include the species of origin, as well as the type of product (e.g., “porcine livers”). ***The name and establishment number(s) of the FSIS facilities from which the product was obtained must also be included in this section.***

Certification:

“I, the undersigned official veterinarian, after due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, do hereby certify:

1. The inedible products:
 - a. Were derived exclusively from animals which received ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection in a federally inspected establishment;
 - b. Did not show evidence of infectious pathological condition at the time of collection;
 - c. Were hygienically prepared and handled in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations;
 - d. Were determined to be suitable for inclusion in (animal) pet food in accordance with USDA regulations; and
 - e. Are intended for (animal) pet food use only.
2. *The certified inedible products meet all requirements of EC Regulation 1774/2002, as amended, for inclusion in pet food.”

* Statement #2 must be included for inedible non-ruminant products being exported to Canada for inclusion in pet food intended for export to the European Union. The endorsing APHIS VS Area Office will verify that the FSIS establishment(s) from which the product was sourced is (are) approved by APHIS VS to export the product to the European Union under the requirements of EC Regulation 1774/2002, as amended.