

Veterinary Export Certificate for Processed Pet Food and Treats Containing Animal Products and By-Products from the USA to Canada (Single Shipment)

Purpose and Requirements

This certificate is to be used for single shipments of U.S. origin heat-processed, shelf-stable pet foods to Canada. As used herein, the term “pet foods” includes pet treats and compound chews (i.e., chews that contain animal-origin ingredients other than simple rawhide). The certificate is intended to cover shipments of bovine and/or non-bovine pet foods. Bovine ingredients include those sourced from cattle, bison, and buffalo.

All pet foods certified with this document must be manufactured in the United States, and the required attestations must be supported by inspection and approval of the manufacturing facility (-ies) for Canada by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) no longer requires an import permit for the importation of U.S. origin heat-processed shelf-stable pet foods.

As of July 1, 2016, certification of all U.S. origin, heat-processed, shelf-stable pet foods (regardless of their inclusion of bovine-origin ingredients) must be based on APHIS inspection and approval of the manufacturing facility (-ies) for Canada. To request an inspection by APHIS, please contact the APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Service Center that covers the State where your facility (-ies) is/are located.

NOTE: These instructions only apply to completion and submission of this export certificate for endorsement by the APHIS Veterinary Services. Although the identifying information for the single shipment covered by this certificate will be included in this certificate, exporters must still coordinate shipments with their Canadian importer(s) to facilitate the import process at the Canadian port of entry. A copy of the endorsed certificate should accompany the shipment.

Specific Instructions

This is a fillable certificate which should be completed electronically by the exporter (instructions below) and sent via email to the endorsing VS Service Center. Exporters should work with their endorsing VS Service Center regarding the logistics of export certificate submission and receipt.

Prior to endorsing this certificate, the APHIS/Vs Service Center must verify that requisite APHIS facility approvals are in place, the information is complete and accurate, and there are no contradictions between the supporting documentation and the certificates submitted for endorsement.

The original, endorsed certificate will be printed on security paper by the endorsing VS Office, and the certificate will bear the embossed USDA seal.

1. **Health Certificate Number:** Leave this fillable space blank. The health certificate number will be assigned by the endorsing APHIS/Vs Office.
2. **Page Numbers:** These fillable spaces should be completed to reflect the page numbers and the total number of pages in the certificate, including the addendum (list of manufacturers), if needed. If there are 4 total pages, for example, the pages should be numbered “Page 1 of 4”, Page 2 of 4, Page 3 of 4, and Page 4 of 4.”

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3. **Name and Address of Consignor (exporter):** Self-explanatory. Include the name and address of the exporter in the fillable space.
4. **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.
5. **Processing Plant (Name and Address) and USDA-APHIS approval number if applicable:** [See Notes, #2 on the certificate.] Enter the name of the manufacturing facility, the address, and if applicable, 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. Please include the names of all pet food manufacturers (including any “aka’s” or “dba’s”), and the APHIS approval numbers. Approved facilities should be listed alphabetically in this section.
6. **Description of Product:** Please check the pertinent fillable boxes. If the pet foods in the shipment may include both bovine and non-bovine pet foods, please check both boxes.
7. **Quantity of the products (Number and Type of Packaging or Weight):** In the fillable space to the right of this entry, indicate the total quantity of product shipped (total gross or net weight/total number and type of packages).
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 CFIA on entry requirements.
9. **Identification (Lot-batch or date of production):** In the fillable space to the right of this entry, include identifying information that ties the shipment and accompanying shipping documents to the export certificate covering that shipment. This single shipment certificate is intended to certify only the lot or lots of products that are shipped under this certificate. Identifying information must be provided in this section.
10. **Container(s) and seal(s) numbers if available:** In the fillable space to the right of this entry, provide the container and/or seal numbers if known at the time the certificate is submitted for endorsement.
11. **Port of Entry: Any Canadian Port of entry:** This is not a fillable space. Pet foods certified for export to Canada with this certificate may enter through any Canadian port of entry.
12. **Shipping Date:** In the fillable space to the right of this entry, provide the date the shipment will be sent to Canada. If the exact shipping date is not known when the certificate is requested, provide estimated date (e.g., “on or about September 1, 2015”,

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“between September 1-2, 2015”). NOTE: Single shipment certificates are generally valid for 30 days after the date of endorsement. If acceptable to CFIA, for shipments transported by rail, the validity of the certificate can be prolonged by the time needed for rail transit.

13. **Means of transportation:** Check the applicable fillable box for either “truck” or “rail.”
14. **Attestation #2: “The certified pet foods and/or pet treats in the shipment may include the following [check all that apply]:** If the shipment covered by this certificate includes both bovine and non-bovine pet foods, please check both boxes. Please be sure that the boxes checked here match the information provided in “Description of Product(s).” Exporters are reminded that all pet foods must be sourced from manufacturing facilities that have been inspected and approved by APHIS for Canada.
15. **Attestation #4aⁱⁱ:** If the pet foods in the shipment covered by this certificate contain non-exempt bovine meat/offal ingredients that were legally imported, check the pertinent boxes for “Negligible BSE Risk Status” and/or “Controlled BSE Risk Status.” If the bovine ingredients were legally imported from one or more controlled BSE risk countries, the countries must be listed in the space provided. Please see link in the Notes section, #3 for information on BSE risk status of various countries. Canada recognizes the OIE categorization of countries for BSE risk status.
- *Note that non-exempt bovine meat/offal ingredients may not be sourced from countries with an undetermined BSE risk status. Pet foods containing non-exempt bovine ingredients may only be sourced from manufacturers that have been inspected and approved by APHIS for Canada.
- **IF all non-exempt bovine meat/offal ingredients are U.S. origin, leave this section (4aⁱⁱ) blank.
16. **Place, Date, Signature, and Title of Signatory:** Leave these fillable spaces blank. They will be completed by the endorsing VS Office.
17. **Notes:** The notes section of the certificate is intended to provide guidance and clarification on the required information and attestations on the certificate.