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**PET FOOD¹ CONTAINING ANIMAL-ORIGIN INGREDIENTS
EXPORTED TO CHINA**

This certificate is for Veterinary purposes only. It is valid for 30 days after the date of signature (In the case of transport by ship or rail, the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [*insert name of company*]:

verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The pet foods are U.S. origin and were processed in a facility/facilities approved by the USDA and which is/are registered with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).
2. The pet foods were produced in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations intended to ensure that they are safe for their intended use and do not pose a significant risk for the transmission of disease agents, and they may be freely sold and used in the United States for the same purpose for which they are exported.
3. The animal-origin ingredients for pet foods are either of U.S. origin or were legally imported into the United States, meet U.S. domestic requirements for inclusion in pet food, and are traceable to the country of origin.
4. For pet foods containing poultry ingredients, either the United States is free of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and virulent Newcastle disease (ND), as defined by OIE, in poultry as defined by OIE; or poultry ingredients for pet foods are sourced from free zones; or poultry ingredients or pet foods have been heat treated in accordance with OIE requirements to inactivate the virus(es).
5. EITHER:
 The pet foods contain sheep/lamb (ovine) or goat (caprine) ingredients legally imported from Australia or New Zealand.
OR
 The pet foods do not contain sheep/lamb (ovine) or goat (caprine) ingredients (other than Vitamin D3 derived from sheep wool grease).
6. The pet foods contain the following bovine ingredients [*select all that apply*]:
 None;
 Dairy and/or tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight and/or gelatin and/or collagen;
 Bovine ingredients of U.S. origin (the cattle from which raw materials are derived were born after the ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban);
 Bovine ingredients (other than dairy, tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight, gelatin, and collagen) legally imported from one or more of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and/or Uruguay.
7. No animals that died outside of establishments under official control or animals slaughtered for disease eradication were used as raw materials.

¹ Pet food is defined as: commercially-processed, finished food (including snacks, treats, or chews) intended for feeding to companion animals (e.g. dogs, cats, or other non-livestock species kept as household pets); includes dry, canned and wet, and semi-moist products.

8. The following raw materials were not used in production of the pet food, and authorized raw materials were not contaminated with these materials during production, storage, and transportation:
- a. the entire carcass and tallow of BSE-positive cattle;
 - b. brain and spinal cord from cattle of 30 months of age and older;
 - c. animal origin materials from unknown origin or species.
9. The production process meets the following requirements:
- FOR CANNED/RETORT PROCESSED PRODUCTS
- () The pet foods were subjected to a heat treatment to a minimum F_0 value of 3 and are in compliance with commercial sterilization requirements.
- FOR DRY AND OTHER PRODUCTS
- () The pet foods were subjected to a heat treatment at no less than 90°C;
- OR
- () The pet foods were subjected to an alternate processing treatment determined by the U.S. competent authority to be equivalent; and products were routinely tested for microbiological contamination, based on a control plan approved by the authorities responsible for supervising the production facility.
- OR
- () The pet foods were subjected to an alternate processing treatment; and, prior to export, at least 5 samples from each production lot were tested and meet the below requirements:
- Salmonella: none in 25g of product: $n=5, c=0, m=0, M=0$;
- Enterobacteriaceae: in 1g of sample, $n=5, c=2, m=10, M=300$;
- Where:
- n = number of samples to be tested;
 - m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all samples does not exceed m ;
 - M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more samples is M or more; and
 - c = number of samples the bacterial count of which may be between m and M , the sample still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other sample is m or less.
10. The pet foods were handled and transported in a manner intended to prevent contamination with microbiological pathogens of concern or other animal products.
11. The pet foods are packaged in new and impermeable packaging materials.
12. Procedures are in place to ensure exterior packaging and shipping containers of the pet foods are free of visible contamination with prohibited substances (such as soil, etc) upon departure from the United States.

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Signature

Printed name and title of endorsing official

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I. PRODUCT (type of product, quantity, unit of measure, and animal product species of origin):

II. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER:

MANUFACTURED BY:

III. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF SHIPMENT:

V. CONVEYANCE:

VI. PORT OF DEPARTURE: