

Certification Requirements for Pet Foods to El Salvador

The export of pet food to El Salvador requires a valid import permit.

The certification statements below, as applicable, should be provided on a VS Form 16-4, and continuation page VS form 16-4A as needed, for the export of canned, extruded (pelleted or biscuits), or semi-moist pet foods containing animal origin ingredients. Product description product box on VS Form 16-4) should include the species of origin for all animal origin ingredients, as well as the nature of the product. Certification statements should be given in English and in Spanish. El Salvador may require for an official translation provided by an independent translator.

The Veterinary Services Field Office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. / *La Oficina de Área tiene en sus archivos una declaración juramentada de [nombre de la compañía] certificando la veracidad de las afirmaciones enunciadas a continuación:*

1. The product is freely sold in the United States as pet food. The product has been manufactured in plants authorized by the official competent authority of the United States. / *El producto se comercializa libremente en los Estados Unidos como alimento para mascotas. El producto ha sido elaborado en plantas autorizadas por la autoridad oficial correspondiente de los Estados Unidos.*
2. The product has been manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations designed to validate microbial, physiochemical, and compositional quality. / *El producto ha sido elaborado de acuerdo de las leyes y regulaciones de los Estados Unidos diseñadas para validar calidad microbiológica, fisicoquímica y composicional.*
3. All animal-origin ingredients in dry, semi moist, and dehydrated pet food products have been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 70°C. Finished products (except for hermetically sealed containers) were processed to assure the destruction of harmful pathogens as demonstrated by the fact that finished products were found in compliance with the most updated regulations on pathogens. Canned pet food products have been treated in hermetically sealed containers with an F₀ of 3.0 or more. / *Todos los ingredientes de los alimentos secos, semi-húmedos, y deshidratados para mascotas han sido tratados a una temperatura interna mínima de 70°C. Los productos terminados fueron monitoreados periódicamente y encontrados en cumplimiento con la legislación vigente sobre patógenos. Los alimentos enlatados para mascotas han sido tratados en empaques herméticamente sellados con un F₀ de 3.0, o mayor.*
4. The pet food products described herein are unlikely to disseminate agents of infectious diseases of domestic animals, including foot-and-mouth disease, avian influenza Newcastle disease, and classical swine fever. Precautions have been taken to avoid contamination of the product with pathogenic agents after heat treatment. / *Los alimentos para mascotas descritos en este documento presentan poca probabilidad de diseminar agentes de enfermedades infecciosas para los animales domésticos, incluyendo fiebre aftosa, influenza aviar, enfermedad Newcastle y*

peste porcina clásica. Se han tomado las precauciones para evitar contaminación del producto con agentes patógenos después del tratamiento térmico.

5. Precautions have been taken during processing and storage of cat food products to prevent any commingling or cross-contamination with prohibited ruminant-origin materials. / *Se han tomado las debidas precauciones durante el procesamiento y almacenamiento de alimento para gatos para evitar contaminación cruzada con ingredientes prohibidos de origen rumiante.*