

[Guidance for Inspection & Endorsement of
USDA – Certificate of Ruminant Ingredient Utilization](#)

Endorsement of this certificate by APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) is done on the basis of inspection of the manufacturing facility to verify the facility is in compliance with the declarations being attested to by APHIS VS. Annual reinspection is necessary for APHIS VS to continue endorsing certificates for the applicable pet food manufacturer.

Inspection by APHIS VS for the conditions of this export certificate should coincide with inspection for the conditions of:

1. Annex 1B - Model Official Certification of Plants Producing Pet Foods Intended for Export to Israel
2. Annex 2B - Model of a Veterinary Certificate to Accompany Pet Foods Containing Ingredients of Animal Origin to Israel

The government of Israel may require exporters to have this form completed and endorsed by APHIS VS as a condition for export. Exporters should have their importers verify through the government of Israel whether or not this is required.

It is APHIS understanding that the government of Israel requires this form for pet food manufacturers incorporating bovine and ovine ingredients (including lamb meal) legally imported from Australia or New Zealand in product being exported to Israel and for facilities that have previously received, stored, processed, or handled any ruminant materials prohibited by Israel. After removal of all prohibited materials, or prior to beginning production of pet food containing “low risk” materials, the facility must complete a flushing-out/cleaning process.

Flush-out/cleaning could be physical cleaning, flushing, sequencing, or other means, either alone or in combination with separation measures that are adequate to prevent carryover of prohibited material into non-prohibited material. Flush-out/cleaning procedures should be used on all equipment and conveyances that handled both prohibited and non-prohibited material.

At inspection the following must be verified:

1. The only ruminant origin materials being used in the facility classified by Israel as “low risk.”
2. The facility has written documentation for an appropriate flush-out/cleaning procedure and recording method. This should include a description of how clean-out is implemented – who is responsible; how clean-out is monitored and verified; how volume of clean-out flush material was determined; and a description of how clean-out flush material is handled.
3. The facility must provide copies of records of the flush-out/cleaning conducted. These records must be consistent with the requirements of their written procedures.

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(For Export of _____ Products to Israel)
(Name of plant)

As of this date forward: _____

1. The _____ Production facility located at _____, USA,
(Name of plant)
is an authorized facility designated exclusively for pet food manufacturing;
USDA-APHIS number _____, FDA Facility Registration # _____.

2. Ruminant origin Ingredient ((lamb meal) used in the facility are exclusively sourced from New Zealand or Australia, a BSE Free country.

3. A through flush-out cleaning process was completed at the facility noted.

4. There has been no commingling of any ingredients with any ruminant origin ingredients from a BSE country.

5. Neither the final product nor any ingredients used in the products contain materials that have associated with animals that can be contaminated with BSE.

Certified by:

Signed by: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title of signatory: _____

VS office signing: _____

Official Seal: