

Guidance for Inspection & Endorsement of
Model of a Veterinary Certificate to Accompany Pet Foods
Containing Ingredients of Animal Origin to Israel
Annex 2B

The government of Israel requires this certificate accompany exports of U.S. origin pet food to Israel.

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. USDA – Certificate of Ruminant Ingredient Utilization

Additional inspection criteria necessitated by the export certificate include verification of the following (as applicable):

- 1) Canned products are heat treated in hermetically sealed containers to a minimum F sub C value of 3;
- 2) Commercial sterility (shelf stability) of canned products and freedom from pathogenic organisms is verified either through routine incubation tests or microbiological testing as described for dry or semi-moist products;
- 3) Dry or semi-moist pet food products have been processed in a manner to ensure that the animal origin ingredients have been subjected to a heat treatment of at least 90 degrees C throughout their substance;
- 4) Dry or semi-moist pet food products are tested (on a lot basis) for Salmonella and Enterobacteriaceae using the parameters described in the information on the Model Plant Certification Form for pet food facilities;
- 5) Finished products are handled, packaged, and stored in a sanitary manner to preclude recontamination of the processed products (e.g., clean, sanitary packaging materials, enclosed storage, prevention of commingling or cross-contamination of raw materials and heat processed products).

Prior to endorsement of this export certificate, exporters must present the endorsing APHIS VS Area Office with laboratory test results on the products being exported indicating that the product was tested within 2 weeks of shipment and meets the required testing parameters for Salmonella and Enterobacteriaceae.

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VETERINARY SERVICES AND ANIMAL HEALTH

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Certificate No. _____

Exporting country: _____
Responsible ministry: _____
Certifying department: _____

I. Identification

Description of the product and species: _____
Nature of packaging: _____
Number of packages: _____ Net weight: _____
Lot/batch production reference number: _____

II. Origin

Address and approval number of the producer: _____

III. Destination

The pet foods will be sent
From: _____ To: _____
(Place of loading) (Country and place of destination)
By the following means of transport: _____
(The flight number or the name of ship)
Container No.: _____ Seal No. _____
Name and address of consignor: _____
Name and address of consignee: _____

IV. Declaration

I, the undersigned official veterinarian hereby certify that:

1. The producer is a plant which is approved by the State Veterinary Services for the local market as well as for export to Israel and supervised by an official accredited veterinarian;
2. No cases of diseases specific to the species included in List A of the OIE code have been diagnosed within a radius of 30 kms from the processing plant during the last 6 months prior to shipment;
3. In the case of canned pet food, the product has been:
 - a) heat treated in hermetically sealed containers to a minimum Fc value of 3,0;
 - b) manufactured and packed complying with approved manufacturing practice, sufficient to render it commercially sterile and free from pathogenic microorganisms;
4. In the case of dry pet food and semi-moist pet food:
 - a) The product has been manufactured and packed complying with approved manufacturing practice, sufficient to render it microbiologically stable, and is fit for sale in the country of origin and for export to Israel.
 - b) The processed pet food or the ingredients of animal origin have been subject to a heat treatment of at least 90°C throughout their substances;
 - c) The end products have been examined within 2 weeks prior to shipment and found free from pathogenic microorganisms, including Salmonellae;
5. The end product was stored in enclosed storage and has undergone all precautions to avoid recontamination with pathogenic agents after treatment;
6. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the consignment certified herein has not been exposed to radioactive contamination.

Date _____

_____ Full name and title of the official veterinarian

Place _____

Signature _____
(Official Stamp)