Pet Food and Pet Treats/Chews that are NOT Produced through Extrusion or Hermetically Sealed (through Retort Processing) that Contain NO Animal-Origin Ingredients [exception fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg] other than POUlTRY

The following certification is required for pet foods containing no animal-origin ingredients [exception: fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg] other than poultry if those pet foods/chews/treats are not either hermetically sealed (through retort processing) or produced through extrusion. These are materials such as baked treats that are not produced through extrusion. Prior to endorsement of this certification, APHIS inspection of the production facility and sometimes the facilities supplying those facilities is necessary. The exporting facility must be listed in the APHIS system as approved for these exports. Exporters should contact their local VS Service Center to request the relevant pre-inspection package with details on how to obtain this approval.

[Note- the “exception: fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg” clause means that in order to fall under these requirements the product must include poultry but may not include any other animal-origin ingredients other than fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg. Product does not need to contain fish or dairy or powdered egg to fall under these requirements. This exception does not apply to liquid egg. The egg ingredient must be “powdered” prior to inclusion on the pet food.]

Regarding the “LPAI-banned areas” referenced in the second paragraph of the certification below, please go back to the previous page and select “*ALERT* Important information regarding trade bans on various products.” Please note that these products are subject to Japan’s NAI bans, requiring verification of no poultry-origin ingredients derived from poultry that were in or transited “banned” areas during the ineligible production dates.

Required certification:

There have been no outbreaks of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza (HPNAI) in the United States for at least 90 days before shipment of the materials described below; or when the United States has an outbreak of HPNAI, there have been no outbreaks of HPNAI in the State where birds for the materials described below were produced for at least 90 days before shipment of the materials described below. Further, in the area where birds for the materials described below were produced (such an area being within a minimum radius of 50 kilometers from the production farm), Newcastle disease, fowl cholera and other serious infectious fowl diseases other than LPAI, as recognized by the
government of the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days before shipment of the exported poultry meat.

The live poultry used for the production of the materials described below did not originate from nor pass through any LPAI-banned area before being carried into poultry processing plants. An LPAI-banned area is any zone within 10 km of any premises in the State where an infection of NAI virus that is not HPNAI as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health code (OIE Code) has been confirmed and restricted from export by Japanese Animal Health Authorities.

The materials described below were:

1. Derived from poultry recognized to be free of any animal infectious diseases and fit for human consumption as demonstrated by passing ante-mortem inspection at slaughter.
2. Manufactured at processing facilities authorized by the government authorities in the United States as one for pet treat production and subjected to regular inspection by animal health authorities in the United States to ensure hygienic conditions and verify these animal health requirements.
3. Subjected to one of the following minimum heat treatments: 70°C for 30 minutes, 80°C for 9 minutes, or 90°C for 1 minute.
4. Packaged ready for retail sale for pet use.

Note: If the product does also contain dairy-origin ingredients, in addition to the above declarations on the VS Form 16-4, the “Veterinary Certificate for raw milk and milk products from cloven-hoofed animals to be exported to Japan from the United States for animal consumption (not including extruded or retort processed pet foods) also containing animal-origin materials other than those derived from milk/milk products” must be added as additional pages to the VS Form 16-4, and after the “species” is identified on the first page of the VS Form 16-4, “dairy” should be inserted, e.g.: Bovine (dairy).