

## **Pet Food and Chews/Treats for Export from the United States to Jamaica**

This certificate can be used for the following products containing animal origin ingredients:

- Extruded pet food (dry/kibble)
- Canned/hermetically sealed pet food/chews/treats
- Heat treated semi-moist and dehydrated pet food/chews/treats
- Pasteurized liquids for pet food

Pet food for export to Jamaica includes commercially prepared pet food, pet treats, and pet chews containing animal and animal by-products such as poultry, pork, beef, and fish, including meat, organs, bone meal, meat meal, blood meal, fish meal and rendered animal fats. Products containing specified risk materials (SRMs) are prohibited.

Please note that pet foods containing poultry and/or pork ingredients are permitted from countries such as the United States that are considered free of foot-and-mouth disease.

Pet food ingredients may not include bovine meat-and-bone meal from countries classified by the OIE as having a controlled risk for BSE, unless these can be certified to be free of specific risk materials. See definition below for certification statement 6.

The importer must obtain an import permit issued by the Veterinary Services Division (VSD), Jamaica for entry of all animal products. The permit number must be reflected on the commercial documents (e.g. bill of lading, invoice) accompanying the shipment. Jamaica's VSD also requires that the certificate number of the VS Form 16-4 "Export Certificate for Animal Products" for the shipment be listed on the commercial documents (ideally the invoice) accompanying the shipment.

Consignments of pet food must originate in and be shipped directly from the United States of America and must be accompanied by the import permit by Jamaica's Veterinary Service Division as well as an Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS form 16-4) issued by Veterinary Services.

The following certification statements are recommended on the export certificate in the Additional Declarations section of the VS form 16-4:

[Include for pet foods containing porcine ingredients]

The United States has been recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as free of foot-and-mouth disease.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements:

1. The pet food/chews/treats originate from a manufacturing plant approved by the regulatory authority of the exporting country.

2. Pet food/chews/treats products have been manufactured in accordance with a U.S. system of laws and regulations designed to produce a wholesome product. The product is freely sold in the United States as pet food.

(Certify for hermetically sealed products)

3. Hermetically sealed products were treated to an  $F_0$  value of 3.0 or more using a minimum heat treatment of 121 degrees C for 3 minutes.

(Certify for heat treated dry and/or semi-moist products)

4. Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated products were subjected to a treatment using a minimum time and temperature of 70 degrees C for 30 minutes, 75 degrees C for 5 minutes, or 80 degrees C for 1 minute.

(Certify for liquid pet food products)

5. Liquid products have undergone pasteurization.

(Certify for pet foods containing ruminant ingredients (bovine, sheep or ovine)]

6. Ingredients used in the preparation of the pet food were from countries recognized by the OIE as having negligible risk for BSE or the ingredients are free of specified risk materials (SRM).
7. The certified product has not been commingled with any other animal origin materials after processing.

Note for certification statements 1 and 2: The production facility must be duly registered under the authority of the pertinent animal feed agency in the State.

Note for certification statement 6: SRMs are defined as follows: Skull including the brain, eyes, and trigeminal ganglia, the spinal cord, vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of thoracic and lumbar vertebrae and the wings of the sacrum) and the dorsal root ganglia of bovine animals aged 30 months of age or older, and the tonsils and the distal ileum of the small intestine of all bovine animals regardless of age.