

## **Pet Food Exports to Jamaica**

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.

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 highly pathogenic avian influenza, Newcastle disease, foot-and-mouth disease, swine vesicular disease, African and classical swine fever.

Pet food ingredients may not include bovine meat and bone meal from the United States or any other BSE Controlled Risk country, unless these can be certified to be free of specific risk materials, see definition below for certification statement 4.

Consignments of pet food must originate in and be shipped directly from the country of origin (United States) or as specified in the import permit and must be accompanied by the import permit issued 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 avian/poultry ingredients]

The United States meets the requirements of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) to be considered free from highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined by the OIE.

[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. The United States meets the requirements of the OIE to be considered free from swine vesicular disease, African and classical swine fever

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

1. The animal feed originates from a manufacturing plant approved by the regulatory authority of the exporting country.
2. Pet food 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.
3. Canned (hermetically sealed products) were treated to an  $F_0$  of 3.0 or more to comply with low acid canned food regulations. Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated products

were sufficiently heat processed to assure destruction of pathogens of concern. Liquid products have undergone pasteurization.

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

4. Ingredients used in the preparation of the pet food were free from specified risk materials.

**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 4:** SRM's 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 intestines from pylorus to anus of all bovine animals regardless of age.