

Balanced Pet Foods for Dogs and Cats for Export to Mexico

This document concerns the requirements and certification for balanced pet foods for dogs and cats for export to Mexico that may contain the following meat, organs and offals and similar ingredients from poultry, fish, kangaroo, caprine, ovine, cervid, and bovine animals, as well as ovine and caprine meals (Australia or New Zealand origin only), swine (including wild boar/feral hog), poultry, and fish meals.

Be advised that SENASICA currently has 4 sets of import requirements (HRZ's) to cover balanced/complete animal feeds from the United States, as follows:

- HRZ 098-14-1118-USA-USA for balanced pet foods intended for dogs and cats,
- HRZ 098-14-85-USA-USA for balanced animal feeds for other species,
- HRZ 099-14-2406-USA-USA for balanced animal feeds that contain no animal-origin ingredients and that are not required to be registered or authorized, and
- HRZ 099-14-2407-USA-USA for balanced animal feeds that contain no animal-origin ingredients but that are required to be registered and/or authorized.

Exporters should be encouraged to ensure that importer has provided the correct HRZ.

Mexico SENASICA requires certain traceability information for each product lot, and the lot number is to be listed on the official animal health certificate. For each lot, production and/or packing or embarkation dates and expiry date are required and should be presented in a supplemental declaration from the exporting company. This exporter's declaration must be cross referenced to the certificate (showing certificate number and lot numbers) and must show the name of the official, signature, and their position within the company (acceptable examples: owner, president, quality control manager). The original and a copy of the supplemental declaration are required at the time of presentation of the product.

Mexico does not allow ruminant meal ingredients from either the United States or Canada; however, Mexico will allow such meals if derived from Australia or New Zealand. APHIS Veterinary Services must verify that there exists a system providing assurances that the ruminant meal ingredients are derived from Australia or New Zealand and that these meals are managed in such a way as to prevent contamination from unauthorized ruminant meals.

In the event that the animal feed/pet food product was manufactured with approved meals and, at the time of product certification, the rendering plant that supplied the meals is no longer approved, the Area office should notify the NIES Export Animal Products staff. Mexican border officials will be alerted that the source meals derive from a plant that no longer appears in their database but that the pet food should be considered enterable. SENASICA Mexico advises that raw porcine or poultry meat ingredients are not required to originate from a SAGARPA- approved plant.

Commodities contained in bags, combos, boxes and containers, should be presented on pallets for its appropriate physical inspection.

The following bilingual certification statements should be provided in the Additional Declarations section of the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A as needed. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services. The exporter should be encouraged to get an appropriate import requirements sheet (HRZ) reflecting these requirements.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements: / Esta oficina mantiene en archivo una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la exactitud de las siguientes declaraciones:

1. The animal-origin ingredients used to manufacture balanced pet food for dogs and cats derive from animals subjected to official inspection. / *La materia prima con la que se elaboró el alimento balanceado para perros y gatos procede de animales sujetos a inspección oficial.*
2. Animal-origin ingredients derive from animals that were not slaughtered to eradicate animal disease epidemics. / *Los animales de los que procede la materia prima no fueron sacrificados para erradicar epidemias.*
3. The plant where the balanced pet food was made keeps records of each lot of animal-origin ingredients and sales records of all lots of finished pet foods. / *El establecimiento en el que se elaboraron los alimentos balanceados para mascotas, cuenta con registros de cada uno de los lotes de la materia prima adquirida y registros de ventas de todos los lotes terminados de los alimentos.*
4. The product is freely traded in the country of origin. / *El producto se comercializa libremente en el país de origen.*

(Certify the following as appropriate if the product contains animal product meals (porcine, poultry and excluding fish meals, or ovine and/or caprine meals imported from Australia or New Zealand). / *Si el producto contiene harinas de origen animal (porcino, ave, se excluyen las harinas de pescado, o harinas de ovinos y/o caprinos importados legalmente de Australia o Nueva Zelanda), certifique lo siguiente cuando corresponda.)*

5. The pet food product contains animal product meals that meet the following conditions: / *El alimento para mascotas contiene harinas de origen animal, las cuales cumplen con lo siguiente: (Certify the correct option / Certifique la opción correcta)*
 - a. [The porcine or poultry meals derive from the following rendering plants approved by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food.
_____ (List the reference numbers of the facilities approved by SAGARPA.) / *Las harinas de origen de cerdos o aves proceden de las siguientes plantas de rendimiento aprobadas por la Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación. (Señale el número de aprobación SAGARPA de las plantas de rendimiento.)*
 - b. The caprine and/or ovine meals were legally imported from Australia and/or New Zealand, countries considered free of scrapie and negligible risk for BSE. / *Las harinas de origen caprino y/o ovino fueron importados legalmente de Australia y/o Nueva Zelanda, países considerados libres de scrapie y de riesgo insignificante para la EEB.*
 - c. Tissues were processed to a minimum temperature of 80°C. Maximum moisture in the meal does not exceed 10% at the exit of the cooker. / *Los tejidos fueron sometidos a una temperatura mayor a 80°C y la humedad no excede del 10% a la salida del cocedor.*

(Certify the following for products containing bovine origin ingredients; choose options that apply. / *Si el producto contiene insumos de origen bovino deberá certificar lo siguiente (elegir las opciones que apliquen.)*)

6. Bovine-origin ingredients in the product meet the following conditions: / *El producto contiene insumos de origen bovino los cuales cumplen con lo siguiente:*
- a. The product contains milk, milk proteins, gelatin and collagen (exclusively prepared from hides and skins), and de-proteinized tallow (with up to 0.15% of insoluble impurities). / *El producto contiene leche, proteínas de leche, gelatina y colágeno (preparados exclusivamente a partir de cueros y pieles), y sebo desproteinado (con no más de 0.15% de impurezas insolubles).*
 - b. The bovine protein ingredients used in the manufacture of the product originate from the United States and/or were legally imported from Canada. / *Las proteínas de origen bovino utilizadas en la elaboración del producto son originarias de los Estados Unidos y/o fueron legalmente importadas de Canadá.*
 - c. Bovine protein ingredients used in the manufacture of the product were legally imported into the United States from countries classified by the OIE as negligible risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). _ (Indicate countries) / *Las proteínas de origen bovino utilizadas en la elaboración del producto se importaron legalmente a los Estados Unidos de América de países reconocidos por la Organización Mundial de Sanidad Animal (OIE) de riesgo insignificante de Encefalopatía Espongiforme Bovina (EEB). (Indicar los países de donde se importó.)*

(Certify as appropriate if the product contains bovine meat, viscera or offal. / *Si el producto contiene carne, vísceras y/o despojos de origen bovino, certifique según corresponda.*)

7. The product contains bovine meat, viscera and/or offal meeting the following: / *El producto contiene carne, víscera y/o despojos de origen bovino los cuales cumplen con lo siguiente:*
- a. The bovine meat, viscera and/or offal originated in the United States of America and/or were legally imported from Canada or Mexico. / *La carne bovina, vísceras y/o despojos son originarios de los Estados Unidos y/o fueron legalmente importada de Canadá o México.*
 - b. The bovine meat, viscera and/or offal ingredients were processed to a minimum internal temperature of 70°C for at least 30 minutes. / *Los insumos de carne, vísceras y/o despojos bovinos fueron sometidos a un tratamiento térmico de al menos 70°C durante por lo menos 30 minutos en la parte interna del producto.*

(Certify as appropriate if product contains ovine or caprine ingredients. / *Si el producto contiene insumos de origen ovino o caprino, certifique según corresponda.*)

8. (Certify as appropriate. / *Certifique según corresponda.*) The product contains ovine or caprine ingredients derived from [materials or animals legally imported from Australia or New Zealand] [U.S. animals] [legally imported Canadian materials or animals.] / *El producto contiene ingredientes de origen ovino o caprino derivados de [materiales o animales legalmente importados de Australia o Nueva Zelanda] [animales de EUA][materiales o animales legalmente importados de Canadá].*

(Certify as appropriate if the product contains avian/poultry ingredients. / *Si el producto contiene ingredientes de origen aviar, certifique según corresponda.*)

9. [The product was derived from poultry which originated from a country free of the velogenic form of Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza. / *El producto se originó de aves procedentes de un país libre de la enfermedad de Newcastle forma velogénica y de influenza aviar de alta patogenicidad.*]

Or / *O bien*

9. [The product contains poultry/avian origin ingredients that were processed [to a minimum temperature of 60°C for at least 10 minutes] [to a minimum internal temperature of 70°C] [canned (hermetically sealed) products for pets was treated to an F0 of 3.0 or more.] / *El producto contiene insumos de origen aviar los cuales fueron sometidos [a una temperatura mayor a 60°C por un tiempo no menor de 10 minutos][a una temperatura interna de 70°C] [el producto enlatado para mascotas ha sido tratado en empaques herméticamente sellados con un F0 de 3.0 o mayor.]*

(Certify as appropriate if the product contains porcine ingredients. / *Si el producto contiene insumos de origen porcino, certifique según corresponda.*)

10. [The product was derived from swine which originated from a country free of classical swine fever, African swine fever and foot-and-mouth disease. / *El producto se originó de porcinos procedentes de un país libre de fiebre porcina clásica, fiebre porcina africana y fiebre aftosa.*]

O/ *O bien*

10. [The product contains porcine-origin ingredients that were processed to a minimum temperature of [69°C for at least 30 minutes] [80.5°C for at least 3 minutes] [70°C internal temperature] [canned (hermetically sealed) products for pets was treated to an F0 and reached 3.0 or more]. / *El producto contiene insumos de origen porcino los cuales fueron sometidos a una temperatura mayor a [69°C por un tiempo no menor a 30 minutos] [80.5°C por no menos de 3 minutos] [a una temperatura interna de por lo menos 70°C] [el producto enlatado para mascotas ha sido tratado en empaques herméticamente sellados con un F0 de 3.0 o mayor].*

(Certify if product contains feral hog/wild boar ingredients) / *(Si el producto contiene ingredientes de jabalí (cerdo feral) certifique lo siguiente)*

11. The product contains feral hog/wild boar meat that meets the following statements: / *El producto contiene carne de jabalí (cerdo feral) que cumple con las siguientes declaraciones:*

- a. The meat is of United States origin, / *La carne es originaria de los Estados Unidos de America,*
- b. The meat was derived from animals which were subject to ante and post mortem inspection performed by official personnel, and were determined to be clinically healthy. / *La carne proviene de animales que fueron sujetos a una inspección ante y post mortem realizada por personal oficial, y se encontraron clínicamente sanos.*
- c. The meat was derived from animals which were slaughtered and processed in establishments under official control, met the animal health requirements of the country of origin, and were not derived from hunted animals. / *La carne proviene de animales que fueron sacrificados y procesados en establecimientos bajo control oficial, cumpliendo con la normatividad del país, y no provienen de animales producto de la caza.*

(Certify the following if the product contains kangaroo meat: / *Si el producto contiene carne de origen canguro, certifique según corresponda:*)

12. Kangaroo meat ingredient was legally imported to the United States from Australia / *La carne de canguro fue legalmente importada a los Estados Unidos de Australia.*

(Certify if the product contain bison meat. / *Certifique, si el producto contiene carne de bisonte.*)

13. Bison meat ingredient originated from the United States of America or was imported legally. / *El ingrediente de carne de bisonte es originario de los Estados Unidos de América o fue legalmente importado.*

(Certify if the product contains cervid-origin meat / *Certifique, si el producto contiene carne de cérvido.*)

14. Cervid meat ingredient originated from the United States of America or was imported legally. / *El ingrediente de carne de cérvido es originario de los Estados Unidos de América o fue legalmente importado.*