Balanced Pet Foods for Export to Mexico

The following certification statements are recommended for the export of balanced pet foods to Mexico. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support the statements on the VS Form 16-4 issued by APHIS Veterinary Services. The exporter should be encouraged to get an appropriate import requirements sheet (HRZ) reflecting these requirements.

In order to assure compliance with item 3 below, Mexico's border agricultural health service is requiring information concerning the rendering facility, to include the APHIS reference number. We have been advised that SENASICA DGIF will accept a notarized statement from the manufacturing company that attests to this information. This information should not be added to statement 3.

Mexico SENASICA requires that traceability information pertaining to production, expiry, and packing dates as well as manufacturer and lot number be provided for each lot of pet foods. VS policy dictates that lot-specific dates are not part of the certificate. SENASICA has advised that they will accept date-specific information for each lot being exported in a supplemental declaration by the manufacturer or packer. This supplemental declaration must be cross referenced to the lot information included on the export certificate. APHIS VS will continue to provide manufacturer and lot-specific identifiers.

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

[Note: Select the correct option or options.]

1. The ruminant animal raw material used in the preparation of the product [originates in the country set forth in this document as the country of origin] [was legally imported from countries considered to be negligible risk for of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)]. / *La materia prima de origen animal con la que se elaboró el producto es [originaria del país señalado en este documento] [se importó legalmente de países de riesgo insignificante de Encefalopatía Espongiforme Bovina (EEB).]*

[See http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/ for the current list of countries considered insignificant risk for BSE.]

[Note: Select the correct option or options.]

2. The product does not contain ruminant proteins or any other ingredient of ruminant origin, except [milk and milk proteins] [gelatin and collagen (exclusively prepared from skin and hide)] [de-proteinized tallow (with up to 0.15% of insoluble impurities)] [ruminant proteins from rendering plants approved by SAGARPA from countries of negligible risk for BSE]. / *El producto no contiene proteínas de rumiante o cualquier*

otro ingrediente de origen rumiante, excepto [leche y proteínas de leche] [gelatina y colágeno (preparados exclusivamente a partir de cueros y pieles)] [sebo desproteínado (con hasta 0.15% de impurezas insolubles)] [contiene proteínas de rumiante provenientes de plantas de rendimiento aprobadas por la Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA) de países de riesgo insignificante de EEB.]

[Note: Include bracketed portions of statement 3 if product contains ruminant organ meat or meat cuts or trimmings. Please note that poultry and swine meat as well as fish and fish meal are allowed and do not need to come from an approved rendering facility.]

3. The meals used in the elaboration of balanced foods were obtained from a plant authorized by SAGARPA (NOM-060-ZOO-1999). [Meat of ruminant origin from the United States and/or Canada for the preparation of balanced food complies with the following requirements:
    a. The animals from which the product was obtained were sacrificed in facilities duly authorized by the competent authority, in which only ruminant animals with less than 30 months of age are sacrificed or that the plant has acceptable proceeding for total segregation, which allow the official employees of the sacrificing plant to identify and select the products to be exported.
    b. The product was obtained from ruminant animals less than 30 months of age, determined through records evidencing their age or through post mortem inspection, in which it shall be verified that the animals from which the product was obtained, have two or less permanent incisive teeth.
    c. The ruminant animals from which the product was obtained were not stunned using a gas injection in the cranium cavity or through a cut of the spinal cord (through laceration of the central nervous tissue by the introduction in the cranium cavity of a sharp edge instrument).
    d. The product to be exported does not include meat trimmings from advanced meat recovery, mechanical deboned meat or ground meat.]

3. *Las harinas de origen animal con las que se elaboró el alimento balanceado proceden de una planta de rendimiento aprobada por la SAGARPA (NOM-060-ZOO-1999). [En la elaboración del producto se utilizó carne cruda de origen rumiante de Estados Unidos y/o Canadá, la cual cumple con los siguientes requisitos:*
    a. Los animales rumiantes de donde se obtuvo el producto fueron sacrificados en instalaciones autorizadas por la autoridad competente en las que exclusivamente se sacrifican animales menores de 30 meses de edad o bien que la planta cuenta con procedimientos aceptables de segregación completa, que permiten al personal oficial de la planta de sacrificio, identificar y seleccionar los productos a exportar.
    b. El producto fue obtenido de animales rumiantes menores de 30 meses de edad, determinado mediante los registros que demuestren la edad o a través de la inspección post-mortem en la que se debe verificar que los animales de los que se

obtuvo el producto cuentan con dos dientes incisivos permanentes o menos.

c. *Los animales rumiantes de los que se obtuvo el producto, no fueron aturdidos, mediante inyección de gas en la cavidad craneana o por corte de médula espinal (por laceración del tejido nervioso central, mediante la introducción en la cavidad craneana de un instrumento punzo cortante).*
d. *El producto de origen rumiante a exportar no incluye recortes de carne (trimmings), carne recuperada (advanced meat recovery), carne separada mecánicamente y carne molida (ground meat).]*

4. The plant where the balanced pet food was elaborated keeps records of each lot of raw material and sale records of the finished pet foods (NOM-060-ZOO-1999). */ El establecimiento en el que se elaboran los alimentos balanceados cuenta con registros de cada uno de los lotes de la materia prima adquirida y registros de ventas de los alimentos balanceados (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*