

## **Pet Food Ingredients (animal-origin materials intended for the production of pet food)**

Effective March 2, 2021, the Russian Federation prohibits the import from the United States of all materials intended for consumption by animals (even pets). Materials covered by this prohibition include ingredients intended for the manufacture of pet food. The Russian Federation indicated this prohibition was imposed based upon GMO-related requirements. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is working together with the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to address the situation.

Prior to this prohibition, the Russian Federation had been believed to require the “Veterinary certificate for livestock raw materials, that are not derived from ruminants, and meant for pet food manufacturing, exported to the Russian Federation” (from February 2006) for the importation of these materials, or in some cases for certain treated ingredients, the “Veterinary Certificate for import of fodder and fodder supplements of animal origin” from July 2004.

APHIS Veterinary Services cannot endorse any certificates for these materials for export to the Russian Federation at this time.