

**Veterinary Health Certificate for the  
Export of Pet Food  
From the United States into South Africa**

Exporting Country: United States  
Responsible Ministry: USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Certifying Department: Veterinary Services

South African Veterinary Import Permit Number:

**I. Identification of Product**

a. Manufacturer (name & address):

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b. Specify type of product: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Contains animal origin ingredients from the following species (including country of origin, except for dairy and fish ingredients):

\_\_\_\_\_

d. Batch Number(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

e. Type of packaging: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Net Weight (kg/lb): \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Origin**

a. Consignor (name & address):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Port of Loading: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Nature and Identification of means of transport:

\_\_\_\_\_

d. Container Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

e. Seal Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Destination**

a. Consignee (name & address):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Declarations**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, hereby certify after due inquiry, to the best of my knowledge and based on regular (at least annual) inspections and audits of available records that the following conditions apply to the pet food described above:

1. The products stipulated above were manufactured in a USDA approved export facility.

2. The product meets the requirements of U.S. Laws and Regulations and may be freely sold in the United States.
3. The pet food contains only porcine and/or poultry origin ingredients that were sourced from the United States;  
and/or  
legally imported porcine and/or poultry origin ingredients from Canada
4. The pet food only contains fish and/or bovine dairy products sourced from the United States;  
and/or  
fish and/or bovine dairy ingredients that were legally imported.
5. The United States is officially recognized as a negligible BSE risk country by the OIE.
6. All bovine material (excluding dairy, hides, skins and tallow containing a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15%) was sourced from animals born, reared and slaughtered in a negligible BSE risk country, as recognised by the OIE  
and/or  
bovine material (excluding dairy, hides, skins and tallow containin a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15%) was sourced from animals born in Canada (after the implementation of the ban on the feeding of ruminant-origin meat-and-bone meal and greaves in Canada) and legally imported and slaughtered in the United States
7. The pet food only contains bovine materials (excluding dairy, hides, skins and tallow containing a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15%) from cattle slaughtered in the United States  
and/or  
legally imported from BSE negligible risk countries, as recognised by the OIE and accepted by South Africa<sup>1</sup>.
8. Any ovine and/or caprine materials were legally imported from Australia and/or New Zealand, and have been segregated to ensure the product has not been commingled with ovine or caprine ingredients from other countries or regions while in the U.S.
9. In the case of hermetically sealed pet food, the product has been:
  - a. Heat treated in hermetically sealed containers to a minimum  $F_c$  value of 3.0; and
  - b. Manufactured and packaged complying with approved manufacturing practice, sufficient to render it commercially sterile and free from pathogenic microorganisms.
10. In the case of dry pet food and semi-moist pet food:
  - a. The processed pet food has been subjected to a heat treatment of at least 90°C throughout its substance;  
and/or  
at least 70°C core temperature for 30 minutes
  - b. The product has been manufactured and packaged with approved manufacturing practice, sufficient to render it microbiologically stable.
11. The finished product was packaged in clean, leak resistant container(s) and has undergone precautions to prevent contamination with pathogenic agents.
12. The products originate from a facility where each batch of dry and semi-moist pet food, manufactured for export to South Africa, are done and comply with the following standards:  
Salmonella: absence in 25g; n=5, c=0, m=0, M=0  
Enterobacteriaceae:  $M=3 \times 10^2$  in 1g, n=5, c=2, m=10

where:  
n = number of samples taken.

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<sup>1</sup> BSE negligible risk countries accepted by South Africa for imported material are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Namibia, New Zealand, Paraguay and Uruguay

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$m$  = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the results to be considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all sample does not exceed  $m$ .

$M$  = maximum value for the number of bacteria; result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more sample is  $M$  or more.

$c$  = number of samples the bacterial count of which may be between  $m$  and  $M$ , the sample still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other sample units is  $m$  or less.

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Name of official Veterinarian

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Designation

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Signature of official Veterinarian

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Date

Official Seal

