

Dog and Cat Food Containing NO Animal-Origin Ingredients Except Exempt¹ Ingredients

Technically, no animal health (export) certificate is required for the export of dog/cat food containing no animal-origin ingredients except exempt¹ ingredients.

However, to avoid delay at the Taiwanese port of entry, exporters may wish to obtain a VS Form 16-4 with the following certification statements:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

- 1. The certified dog/cat food was produced at the following manufacturer: [Insert manufacturing plant name and address]*
- 2. The certified dog/cat food contains no animal-origin ingredients except for the following exempt ingredients: [Insert name of each animal-origin ingredient and the type of exempt ingredient from which it is derived, if applicable (e.g., whey (bovine dairy))]*

If the individual packages of certified materials do not contain the EXACT same company name and address as the manufacturer information noted above, insert:

[Insert name and address of manufacturing facility] also produces the products included in this consignment labeled with the following company information: [Insert company name(s) and address(es) that appear on the package in the consignment].

In the PRODUCT section of the VS Form 16-4, identify the species of animal-origin ingredients. For all species other than fish, rabbit, marsupials and animals of the order Perissodactyla, include the exempt ingredient sourced from that species (e.g., Dog food containing fish, kangaroo, and bovine (dairy, chondroitin) ingredients.) Also include the quantity of product to include total number and weight of packages (e.g., 50-10 pound bags) and total weight (e.g., 500 pounds).

¹ Exempt (non-regulated) animal-origin ingredients include materials derived from rabbits, marsupials, animals of the order Perissodactyla, fish and aquatic animals; dairy; gelatin; collagen; dicalcium phosphate; chondroitin; glucosamine; lecithin derived from poultry egg; and flavorings containing no bovine-origin ingredients.