

Export of Pet Food to Ukraine

Ukraine requires the “Veterinary Certificate for Pet Food Exported into Ukraine from the United States of America” for pet food imports from the United States.

Ukraine has notified USDA that they require all manufacturers/exporters of pet food to be listed in the European Union (EU)’s TRACES system. Consignments from facilities not listed on TRACES will be rejected.* This means facilities must meet not only the requirements of the “Veterinary Certificate for Pet Food Exported into Ukraine from the United States of America” but also the EU requirements for the pet food. Listing on TRACES does not necessarily mean that the “Veterinary Certificate for Pet Food Exported into Ukraine from the United States of America” required by Ukraine is endorsable for the products being exported, and APHIS will not verify listing on TRACES prior to endorsement of the “Veterinary Certificate for Pet Food Exported into Ukraine from the United States of America”. For more information, including on how to become listed on TRACES (after verification of meeting pertinent EU requirements), please contact your local Veterinary Export Trade Services (aka VS Service Centers). The list of facilities currently on TRACES is available at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/directory/publication/establishment/index#!/search?sort=country.translation> (Click on “[United States](#)” and then select the appropriate facility type under “Animal by-products” on the left on your screen).

*Ukraine has made an exception for companies that were successfully exporting the product into Ukraine between April 4, 2013 and April 4, 2018. Companies that are not listed in the appropriate section of TRACES but that did successfully export consignments into Ukraine between April 4, 2013 and April 4, 2018 should have their Ukrainian importer verify prior to shipment with the port of entry into Ukraine that they are already included on Ukraine’s list of approved establishments.

Prior to the endorsement of the “Veterinary Certificate for Pet Food Exported into Ukraine from the United States of America”, Veterinary Services must:

- Confirm by inspection (within 13 months prior to endorsement of the certificate) that the pet food to be exported does not contain any cervidae origin material except that originating from countries (like the United States) that are negligible risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), and that other statements on the certificate are true.
- Confirm by inspection that the material only contains animal origin ingredients (except for dairy, egg, and fish) that were presented for ante-mortem examination (this is the old EU low risk definition).
- Confirm by inspection that only those bovine materials identified in section 6 of the certificate are included in the product for export (certificates from the country of origin verifying other requirements must be presented for imported bovine ingredients).
- Confirm the exporter has presented for each lot of material listed on the export certificate laboratory results corresponding with the following criteria. (This and inspection of their processing method forms the basis for endorsement of point 4 and point 7 of the certificate.)

Test	Result
Salmonella spp.	None detected
Enterobacteriaceae spp.	None detected or <10 cfu/gram
Total plate count	<= 500,000 cfu/gram
Botulin toxin	None detected

In addition, one of the following reports per lot is also required:

Test	Result
<i>Clostridium spp.</i>	None detected
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> and <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	Negative
Anaerobic plate culture	Negative (no growth)

- Special certification may be required for any imported ingredients utilized, and inspection of U.S. suppliers may be necessary in some cases.

The VS Service Center will add the certificate number, the name of the “APHIS office issuing this certificate”, the date, and the other information on the signatory prior to printing the certificate, duplexed, on VS Security Paper. The certificate is not transferred to the local office letterhead prior to printing/endorsement.

For more information, please contact your local VS Service Center.