

Certification Requirements for the Importation of Pet Food into Barbados from the United States

For the importation of any animal feed, the Veterinary Services Department requires appropriate certification by APHIS Veterinary Services (VS). A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

The product must be labelled as pet food and must show a list of raw materials or ingredients and the nutritional information. The Government of Barbados also requests that the product label provide country of origin information.

The certification statements provided below should be made in the Additional Declaration section on a VS Form 16-4 (JUL 2022 Version), Export Certificate for Animal Products and continuation pages VS Form 16-4A, as necessary. Please note footnote explanations below before completing the certificate.

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

There has been no outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza or velogenic Newcastle disease within a 30 km radius of the manufacturing facility, slaughter facility, or farm of origin for the past 6 months.¹

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

1. The beef, beef products and/or bovine meal ingredients contained in the products certified herein originated from the United States or were legally imported in accordance with OIE standards for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).
2. The processing plant is authorized by the competent feed authority within the United States to produce and offer the pet food product into commerce and has established procedures under official controls to avoid cross contamination with BSE risk materials. The animal-origin ingredients used to manufacture balanced pet food for dogs and cats derive from animals subjected to official inspection.
3. The dry or semi- moist products certified herein were processed in such a way that the ingredients of animal origin have been subjected to a heat treatment of at least to 74°C (165°F) throughout their substance.
4. The canned products certified herein have been heat treated in hermetically sealed containers to an F₀ of 3.0 or more.

5. The products certified herein may be entered into commerce in accord to pertinent regulations of the Federal competent feed authority² and may be sold without restriction in the USA.

6. The necessary precautions were taken after heat processing of the certified products to avoid recontamination with pathogenic agents.

7. The products certified herein were packed and sealed in new packing/bags at the manufacturing plant and are intended for animal consumption only.

¹**Please note:** The following certification #8 is only required in the event of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza or velogenic Newcastle disease in the United States. The unnumbered certification statement above the affidavit line is then omitted. Please consult with your VS certifying official before using this alternative certification statement.

8. The products certified herein have been sufficiently heat treated to destroy the highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease viruses, and the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the commodity with any source of highly pathogenic avian influenza or Newcastle disease viruses.

² The product may be entered into commerce pursuant to Section 801(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.