

Requirements for the Exportation of Pet food and Coatings¹ to Australia from the United States

This IREG pertains to the export of pet food, as well as animal-origin pet food additives (such as coatings and flavoring innards) to Australia.

In addition to the required documentation below, pet food and pet food component manufacturing facilities that wish to export to Australia must be inspected and approved by APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) prior to exporting pet food products to Australia.

Exporters should consult Australia's [Biosecurity Import Conditions](#) (BICON) for updated import conditions specific to the pet food and/or coating product intended for export to Australia.

Required Documentation:

Australian Import Permit

Prior to export, exporters must apply for and obtain an Australian import permit for pet food products to Australia.

VS Form 16-4 Export Certificate

Prior to export, exporters must also obtain an APHIS-endorsed VS Form 16-4 export certificate consistent with the requirements of the import permit, and containing any statements for which Australia requires official government certification. Please note that Australia issues import permits based on the consignment, and required government attestations may vary.

Manufacturer's Declaration

A manufacturer's declaration must be produced consistent with the requirements under the section of the Australian import permit entitled "Manufacturer's Declaration." Please note that Australia issues import permits based on the consignment, and stipulations regarding the Manufacturer's Declaration may vary.

Any pet food products exported to Australia without the documentation outlined above will likely be placed on hold until the proper documentation is provided.

¹Coatings: For the purposes of this protocol, this refers to an animal origin pet food component that is added to the surface of the pet food, usually to increase palatability. Other terms that may be used to describe this component include flavorings or flavoring innards.