

Veterinary Export Certificate for Thermally Processed Pet Food/Pet Treats/Compound Chews Containing Animal Products and By-Products from the USA to Canada (Multiple Shipments)

Purpose and Requirements

This certificate is to be used for shipments of U.S. origin thermally-processed, pet foods exported to Canada over a 30-day window. As used herein, the term “pet foods” includes pet food, pet treats and compound chews (i.e., chews that contain animal-origin ingredients other than simple rawhide). The certificate is intended to cover shipments of bovine and/or non-bovine pet foods. Bovine ingredients include those sourced from cattle, bison, and buffalo.

All pet foods certified with this document must be manufactured in the United States or Canada, and the required attestations must be supported by inspection and approval of the manufacturing facility(ies) for Canada by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). For Canadian origin pet food, proof the pet food was legally imported is required.

As of July 1, 2016, certification of all U.S. origin, heat-processed, shelf-stable pet foods (regardless of their inclusion of bovine-origin ingredients) must be based on APHIS inspection and approval of the manufacturing facility(ies) for Canada. To request an inspection by APHIS, please contact the APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Service Center that covers the State where your facility(ies) is/are located.

NOTE: These instructions only apply to completion and submission of this export certificate for endorsement by the APHIS Veterinary Services. Exporters must coordinate shipments with their Canadian importer(s) to ensure that the port of entry into Canada has the requisite information on each shipment. Failure to provide this information will result in shipments being detained or denied entry. A copy of the endorsed certificate should accompany each shipment covered by the certificate.

Specific Instructions

This is a fillable certificate which should be completed electronically by the exporter (instructions below) and sent via email to the endorsing VS Service Center. Exporters should work with their endorsing VS Service Center regarding the logistics of export certificate submission and receipt.

Prior to endorsing this certificate, the APHIS/VS Service Center must verify that requisite APHIS facility approvals are in place, the information is complete and accurate, and there are no contradictions between the supporting documentation and the certificates submitted for endorsement.

The original, endorsed certificate will be printed on security paper by the endorsing VS Office, and the certificate will bear the embossed USDA seal.

1. **Health Certificate Number:** Leave this fillable space blank. The health certificate number will be assigned and entered by the endorsing APHIS/VS Office.
2. **Page Numbers:** These fillable spaces should be completed to reflect the page numbers and the total number of pages in the certificate, including the addendum (list of manufacturers), if

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needed. If there are 5 total pages, for example, the pages should be numbered “Page 1 of 5”, Page 2 of 5, Page 3 of 5, Page 4 of 5, and Page 5 of 5.”

3. **Name and Address of Consignor (exporter):** Self-explanatory. Include the name and address of the exporter in the fillable space.
4. **Name and Address of Consignee (importer):** Self-explanatory. Include the name and address of the Canadian importer in the fillable space. This certificate is intended to only cover the importer who will take control of the pet food after it passes Customs in Canada. If you are shipping to multiple importers, obtain an export certificate for each importer.
5. **Processing Plant (Name, Address OR USDA APHIS approval number):** [See Notes, #2 on the certificate.] Enter the name of the manufacturing facility, the address, and the APHIS approval number. **If the pet food in the shipment was produced by more than one manufacturer, and the information will not fit on the certificate, enter “Please see Addendum” in this fillable space and include the Addendum (see link for Addendum) - numbered as part of the certificate - with your submission. Identify all possible manufacturers for the pet foods that will be included in the multiple shipments covered by this certificate. Please include the name of the facilities (including any “aka’s” or “dba’s”), and the APHIS approval number. Approved facilities should be listed alphabetically in this section.
6. **Description of Product:** Please check the pertinent fillable boxes. If the shipments covered by this certificate include both bovine and non-bovine pet foods, please check both boxes.
7. **Intended End Use:** RESALE. This is not a fillable space. This certificate is only intended to cover shipments of pet foods intended for resale (commercial use) in Canada. If the pet foods have a different intended end use, the Canadian importer should coordinate with CFIA on entry requirements.
8. **Date of Endorsement:** Self-explanatory. Date Service Center will endorse certificate.
9. **Date of Certificate Expiration:** The date in this box should be thirty (30) calendar days from the date of certificate endorsement. See Note #3. Any number of shipments may be sent during this validity period (this certificate may be used for single or multiple shipments).
10. **Notes:** The notes section of the certificate is intended to provide guidance and clarification on the required information and attestations on the certificate.
11. **Attestation #2: “The certified pet foods and/or pet treats in the shipment may include the following [check all that apply]:** If the shipments to be covered by this certificate will include both bovine and non-bovine pet foods, please check both boxes. Please be sure that the boxes checked here match the information provided in “Description of Product(s).” Exporters

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are reminded that all pet foods containing animal ingredients must only be sourced from manufacturing facilities that have been inspected and approved by APHIS for Canada.

12. **Attestation #4.a.ii:** If the pet foods in the shipments to be covered by this certificate will include non-exempt bovine meat/offal ingredients that were legally imported, check the pertinent boxes for “Negligible BSE Risk Status” and/or “Controlled BSE Risk Status.” If bovine ingredients were legally imported from one or more controlled BSE risk countries, the countries must be listed in the space provided. Please see link in the Notes section, #5 for information on BSE risk status of various countries. Canada recognizes the OIE categorization of countries for BSE risk status.

*Note that non-exempt bovine meat/offal ingredients may not be sourced from countries with an undetermined BSE risk status. Pet foods containing non-exempt bovine ingredients may only be sourced from manufacturers that have been inspected and approved by APHIS for Canada.

**IF all non-exempt bovine meat/offal ingredients are U.S. origin, leave this section (4.a.ii) blank.

13. **Place, Date, Signature, and Title of Signatory:** Leave these fillable spaces blank. They will be completed by the endorsing VS Office.