

Import Health Requirements of the Republic of Guatemala for Pet Chews Containing Bovine Origin Ingredients Originating in the United States

The following bilingual certification statements are required on the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A, as needed, for the export of processed pet chews containing bovine ingredients including hides and skins to Guatemala. Product description (product box VS Form 16-4) must include the species of origin of all ingredients of animal origin, and the nature of the product.

Certifications Statements / *Certificaciones*

The United States meets the requirements of the OIE and has been categorized as a negligible risk country for BSE / *Los Estados Unidos cumple con los requisitos de la OIE para y ha sido clasificado como un país de riesgos insignificantes de EEB.*

The Veterinary Services field office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. / *La Oficina Local de Servicios Veterinarios tiene en sus archivos una declaración jurada notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la exactitud de las declaraciones a continuación.*

1. The product is freely sold in the United States as a processed pet chew containing bovine ingredients. The product has been manufactured in plants authorized by the official competent authority of the United States. / *El producto se vende libremente en los Estados Unidos como comida a base de carnazas de bovino procesadas masticables para mascotas. El producto ha sido fabricado en las plantas autorizadas por la autorizada oficial competente de los Estados Unidos con subproducto bovino originario de Estados Unidos.*

2. The product has been manufactured in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States designed to validate microbiology, physical chemistry and compositional quality. / *El producto ha sido fabricado de acuerdo con las leyes y regulaciones de Estados Unidos diseñadas para validar microbiología, físico química y calidad compositiva.*

3. All ingredients of animal origin have been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 70°C _____ (provide time and any additives if applicable). The finished products were processed to ensure the destruction of harmful pathogens, as evidenced by the fact that the finished products are in compliance with the latest regulations on pathogens. / *Todos los ingredientes de origen animal, se han calentado hasta una temperatura interna mínima de 70°C (indicando tiempos y si hay aditivos también si aplica). Los productos terminados fueron procesados para asegurar la destrucción de patógenos dañinos, como lo demuestra el hecho de que los productos acabados se encuentran en el cumplimiento de las normas más actualizadas sobre los patógenos.*

4. The processed pet chews containing bovine ingredients described herein are unlikely to disseminate agents of infectious diseases of domestic animals, including foot-and-mouth disease. Necessary precautions were taken to avoid product contamination with pathogenic agents after

heat treatment. / *Las carnazas procesadas masticables para mascotas que se describen en este documento no es probable que sean vehículo para la discusión de agentes de enfermedades infecciosas de los animales domésticos, incluyendo la fiebre aftosa. Se han tomado precauciones para evitar la contaminación del producto con agentes patógenos después del tratamiento térmico.*

5. The boxes and packages used to transport the pet food products are new and have not been exposed to contamination by infectious agents for the species. The containers used to transport the product shall be in adequate sanitary condition. / *Las cajas y embalajes utilizados para el transporte de los alimentos balanceados (concentrados) para mascotas son nuevos y no han estado expuestos a contaminación por agentes infecciosos que afectan a la especie. Los contenedores utilizados para transportar los productos deberán estar en condiciones sanitarias adecuadas.*

Other Information

1. Importation into Guatemala requires that the importer request approval from the Vice Ministry of Agricultural Health and Regulations (VISAR), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Foods (MAGA) in advance of the actual importation. Please note that APHIS VS does not verify compliance with this requirement.

2. The U.S. Export Certificate for Export Products (VS form 16-4) is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance although this can be extended to 45 days.

3. Guatemala requires that the country of origin maintain surveillance to remain free from emerging and exotic diseases.

4. Guatemala reserves the right to conduct audits in the country of origin in order to approve certification for balanced pet foods (Feedstuffs) when it is considered necessary.