

Pet Food and Animal Feed Exported to Hong Kong

The below certification statements are recommended for pet food or other animal feeds exported to Hong Kong from the United States. Shipments without an export certificate will likely be permitted entry if the packages are clearly labeled as “for pet food only”, or “dog food”, or “cat food”, or “not for human consumption”.

Exporters should consider if the product will be further exported from Hong Kong and the requirements of the destination when deciding whether to obtain an export certificate. Pet food shipments exported to Hong Kong but intended to go to China via e-commerce must meet all the requirements for direct export of pet food from the United States to China. The required certificate may be included as additional pages to the VS 16-4 recommended for export to Hong Kong.

The certifications should be placed on the VS Form 16-4 under “Additional Declarations”. If all statements do not fit on one page, the VS Form 16-4A should be attached as “Page 2 of 2.”

The referenced affidavit should come from the manufacturer of the pet food.

Certification:

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.

The feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants is banned in the United States, and this ban is effectively enforced.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from *[insert name of company here]* verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The bovine animals from which the certified materials were derived were subjected to ante-mortem examination (inspected prior to slaughter) and were not found to show any evidence or clinical signs of any disease transmissible by the certified materials. These animals did not show any clinical signs of generalized central nervous system disease.

The materials were not derived from bovine animals that were subject to any official restrictions by the competent veterinary authority for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

The materials were sourced from bovine animals that were not subject to a stunning process, i.e., with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process prior to being slaughtered.

The certified materials of bovine origin were not derived from the following Specified Risk Materials from any cattle in any BSE affected country: the brain, skull, eyes, spinal cord, vertebral column of cattle 12 months of age or older, and the tonsils and distal ileum of the small intestine of any cattle regardless of age.

Precautions were taken to prevent direct or indirect contact during slaughter, processing and handling of bovine ingredients with the SRMs listed above.

The packages have been clearly labeled as "for pet food only" or "dog food" or "cat food" or "not for human consumption".

[Include the following statement only if the product contains poultry ingredients]

Products containing materials derived from poultry origin have been treated to ensure the destruction of the avian influenza virus by the following method: 75C for at least 30 minutes.

[Include the following statement only if the product contains dairy ingredients]

Milk or milk-based products have undergone pasteurization.