

**Pet Food and Pet Treats/Chews that are NOT Produced through  
Extrusion or Retort Processing/Hermetically Sealed that  
Contain NO Animal-origin Ingredients other than RABBIT**

Pet foods/treats that are **not** derived through extrusion or retort processing\*, and that contain no animal-origin ingredients (not even vitamins) other than “**rabbit**” are eligible with a VS Form 16-4 with the following additional declarations. Additional statements may not be added to the VS Form 16-4. [The “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” sentence should only appear once on the VS Form 16-4 (it was pre-printed on versions preceding the JUL 2022 version). If the JUL 2022 version of the VS Form 16-4 is utilized, it should be the first sentence in the ADDITIONAL DECLARATION area.]:

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.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true.

The products are not likely to disseminate causative agent of any infectious animal disease.

**\*Exceptions: Generally, extruded product does not require animal health certification for import into Japan. However, extruded product may require certification under the above listed protocol if the heat treatment is deemed insufficient by MAFF to qualify under the Extruded or retort processed protocol.**