

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 FISH

Pet foods/treats that are **not** derived through extrusion or retort processing, and that contain no animal-origin ingredients (not even vitamins) other than “**fish**” are believed to be 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 contain no animal origin ingredients other than fish.

The above certification may not be utilized for fish meal or fish oil (please see separate articles for fish meal and fish oil).

Please also note, the above referenced 16-4 may not be utilized for products that are produced through retort processing or extrusion. No VS Form 16-4 is required for those products.