

Pet Treats and Chews Made from only (1) “External” Tissues of Pigs/Equines/Bovines/Caprines/Ovines such as Hide, Ears, Snouts, and Hooves or (2) Bones of Pigs/Equines

Materials that fall into this category include only those materials that are not produced through extrusion or retort-processing (hermetically sealed) but are:

1. A. Porcine/Equine Materials derived from tissues other than internal soft tissue organs and muscle meat; OR
B. Bovine/ovine/caprine materials derived from tissues other than internal soft tissue organs or muscle meat OR bones; and
2. Shipped packaged ready for retail for pet consumption; and

The products may also contain egg, fish, and dairy origin coatings/ingredients in addition to those eligible tissues listed in 1.A. and 1.B. above (but they must also include at least one of the materials listed in 1.A. and 1.B. to come under these requirements).

Examples of materials included in this category are: pig ears, bovine hooves, rawhide treats, pig snouts (with or without dairy, fish, and/or egg derived coatings).

Examples of materials NOT included in this category are: retort processed products, extruded products, meat jerky, dried chicken livers, bovine bones, and products not containing tissues eligible in 1.A. and 1.B. above.

Chews derived from cervid animals are banned (unless they are produced through extrusion or retort-processing).

Prior to shipment, exporters should still have their importers confirm with Japanese authorities at the port of entry that consignments will be allowed entry with the available documentation. Exporters may wish to provide the importers with photographs of the actual products and scans of the labels for use in the discussions.

Certification Requirements

If exported treats/chews do NOT also contain dairy:

These materials must be exported accompanied by a VS Form 16-4 with ONLY the following additional declarations [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 described below are not likely to transmit infectious diseases of domestic animals. The products described below contain only those animal origin ingredients (other than egg or fish) derived from animals that passed ante-mortem government inspection at slaughter.

The products described below are packaged ready for retail sale for pet use.

If exported treats/chews DO also contain dairy:

These materials must be exported accompanied by a VS Form 16-4 with ONLY the following additional declarations on page 1, and the “**Veterinary Certificate for raw milk and milk products from cloven-hoofed animals to be exported to Japan from the United States for animal consumption (not including extruded or retort processed pet foods) also containing animal-origin materials other than those derived from milk/milk products**” as pages 2-3 of the certificate [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.]:

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