

Pet Food and Pet Treats/Chews that are NOT Produced through Extrusion or Hermetically Sealed (through Retort Processing) that Contain NO Animal-Origin Ingredients [exception fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg] other than PORK [excludes 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]

The following certification is required for pet foods containing no animal-origin ingredients [exception: fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg] other than porcine materials if those pet foods/chews/treats are not either hermetically sealed (through retort processing) or produced through extrusion. These are materials such as baked treats that are not produced through extrusion. Prior to endorsement of this certification, APHIS inspection of the production facility and sometimes the facilities supplying those facilities is necessary. **The exporting facility must be listed in the APHIS system as approved for these exports. Exporters should contact their local VS Service Center to request the relevant pre-inspection package with details on how to obtain this approval.**

[Note- the “exception: fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg” clause means that in order to fall under these requirements the product must include porcine materials but may not include any other animal-origin ingredients other than fish and/or dairy and/or powdered egg. Product does not need to contain fish or dairy or powdered egg to fall under these requirements. This exception does not apply to liquid egg. The egg ingredient must be “powdered” prior to inclusion on the pet food.]

In the **ADDITIONAL DECLARATION** area of the certificate only the following exact text may be included. [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.]

Start of text for 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.

For Pet Food and/or Pet Treats/Chews Derived from Pork that were NOT Produced through Extrusion or Hermetically Sealed (through Retort Processing):

1. The United States is free from classical swine fever (CSF), foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), Rinderpest, and African Swine fever.

2. *In the United States, vaccination against CSF, FMD, Rinderpest, and African Swine fever is prohibited.*
3. *In the United States, the importation of pigs vaccinated against CSF, FMD, Rinderpest, or African Swine fever is prohibited.*
4. *The pet food/treat(s) referenced below were:*
 - Derived from the carcasses of swine that passed ante-mortem government inspection at slaughter.*
 - Manufactured in the following manufacturing facility approved by the USDA through regular on-site inspections for pet food/treat production and as meeting the "Animal Health Requirements for Pet Food/Treats Derived from Pork Exported to Japan from the United States"*: [insert name, address, and approval number of manufacturing facility].*
 - Subjected to one of the following minimum heat treatments during production: 70 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes, 80 degrees Celsius for 9 minutes, or 90 degrees Celsius for 1 minute.*
 - Packaged prior to export ready for retail sale for pet use.*
 - Stored in a safe and sanitary condition from an animal health point of view until shipment to Japan*

[insert ONE of the following]:

option one:

 - Were exported directly from the manufacturing facility referenced above to Japan without storage in other facilities prior to shipment.*

or

option two:

 - Were stored at the following facility (or facilities) between manufacture and shipment to Japan: [insert name and address of any storage facilities where product was stored between leaving manufacturing facility and being exported to Japan].*

**Dried pet foods produced through extrusion or hermetically sealed pet foods are not covered by the "Animal Health Requirements for Pet Food/Treats Derived from Pork Exported to Japan from the United States."*

← End of text for the **ADDITIONAL DECLARATION** area.

The following additional information must be noted in the “PRODUCT” box of the VS Form 16-4:

Kind of container or packaging:
 Manufacturing date(s):

The following additional information must be noted in the “IDENTIFICATION” box of the VS Form 16-4:

Container number: [insert container number] Port of destination: [Insert port of destination]; Seal #: [Insert seal #]; Shipping date: [insert date product expected to leave port]

Note: If the product does also contain dairy-origin ingredients, in addition to the above declarations on the VS Form 16-4, 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**” must be added as additional pages to the VS Form 16-4, and after the “species” is identified on the first page of the VS Form 16-4, “dairy” should be inserted, e.g.: Bovine (dairy).