

Pet Foods and Other Animal Feeds with Plant-Origin Ingredients Only OR Both Animal and Plant-Origin Ingredients

I. Plant-Origin Ingredients Only (No Animal Origin Ingredients)

- Korea's National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS) requires imported pet foods and other animal feeds that contain plant-origin ingredients only (e.g., fruits, vegetables, grains, seeds) to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate UNLESS the plant-origin ingredients in the feeds have been heat processed to a minimum of 60 degrees C for a minimum of 10 minutes.
- For mixed shipments which include both heat-processed and non-heat processed plant-based products, a phytosanitary certificate will only be required for the products which do not meet the NPQS processing requirements (i.e., minimum of 60 degrees C for a minimum of 10 minutes).
- Exporters are encouraged to work with their importers in Korea and NPQS to determine whether or not their products will require a phytosanitary certificate for entry.
- Exporters needing a phytosanitary certificate should contact the APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), Phytosanitary Issues Management (PIM) Staff at 301-851-2309.
- Korea's National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service (NVRQS), does not require a Sanitary Certificate for imports of pet or animal feeds with **NO** animal origin ingredients. NOTE: APHIS VS can, upon request, however, provide a letterhead certificate based on a notarized affidavit from the exporter/manufacturer attesting that the products contain no animal origin ingredients. This is the only product-specific certification that APHIS/VS can provide for products with no animal origin ingredients.

II. Both Plant and Animal Origin Ingredients

- Pet foods and other animal feeds that contain both plant and animal origin ingredients will, at a minimum, require a sanitary (veterinary) certificate for entry into Korea. For pet foods, exporters should reference "Pet Food (Including Fish Food and Nutritional Supplements) Containing Animal Origin Ingredients" as included on the International Animal Product Regulations for Korea.
- Pet foods and other animal feeds containing both plant and animal origin ingredients will also require a phytosanitary certificate for the plant ingredients IF the plant ingredients have not been heat processed to a minimum temperature of 60 degrees C for a minimum of 10 minutes.

II. Both Plant and Animal Origin Ingredients (continued)

- The processing parameters included on the certificate for “pet food (including fish food and nutritional supplements) containing animal origin ingredients” apply only to the animal origin ingredients in the product. Plant origin ingredients must either have been heat processed to a minimum temperature of 60 degrees C for a minimum of 10 minutes or the shipment must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate as noted above.
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