

Pet Foods Containing Animal-Origin Ingredients to Panama

This document pertains to the export to Panama of pet foods containing animal origin ingredients (canned, extruded (pelleted or biscuits), or semi-moist) and pet chews.

Product description (product box on VS Form 16-4) should include the species of origin for all animal origin ingredients, as well as the nature of the product.

Shipments of pet foods to Panama must be accompanied by an Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A as necessary in which the certification statements listed below appear.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The products may be freely sold in the country of origin.
2. Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated pet food products were subjected during processing to a heat temperature designed to ensure the destruction of pathogenic agents harmful to animals.
3. Canned pet food products have been treated in hermetically sealed containers with an F_0 of 3.0 or more.
4. The product has been hygienically handled and packed in clean containers made of impermeable, hermetic, and strong materials that are sufficient to protect the product from environmental contamination and safeguard commercial sterility obtained during thermal processing.