

Fish (Aquarium and other Ornamental Fish) Food

Effective March 2, 2021, the Russian Federation prohibits the import from the United States of all materials intended for consumption by animals (even fish). The Russian Federation indicated this prohibition was imposed based upon GMO-related requirements. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is working together with the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to address the situation.

Prior to this prohibition, the Russian Federation had been believed to require the “Veterinary certificate for feed for aquarium and decorative fishes exported from the United States of America to the Russian Federation” for finished packaged ready for retail fish food exported to the Russian Federation for feeding to aquarium or other ornamental fish. It was not for the export of feed for fish raised for food.

APHIS Veterinary Services cannot endorse any certificates for these materials for export to the Russian Federation at this time.