

## **Pet Food (and other Materials for Consumption by Pets) not Derived from Animal-Origin Materials**

Effective March 2, 2021, the Russian Federation prohibits the import from the United States of all materials intended for consumption by animals. 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 not require veterinary certification for pet foods and pet food ingredients that did not contain animal-origin ingredients.

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