

**Veterinary Health Certificate for the
Export of Pet Food
From the United States into South Africa**

Exporting Country: United States
Responsible Ministry: USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Certifying Department: Veterinary Services

South African Veterinary Import Permit Number:

I. Identification of Product

a. Manufacturer (name & address):

b. Specify type of product: _____

c. Contains animal origin ingredients from the following species (including country of origin, except for dairy and fish ingredients):

d. Batch Number(s):

e. Type of packaging: _____

f. Net Weight (kg/lb): _____

II. Origin

a. Consignor (name & address):

b. Port of Loading: _____

c. Nature and Identification of means of transport:

d. Container Number:

e. Seal Number:

III. Destination

a. Consignee (name & address):

IV. Declarations

I, the undersigned official veterinarian authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, hereby certify after due inquiry, to the best of my knowledge and based on regular (at least annual) inspections and audits of available records that the following conditions apply to the pet food described above:

1. The products stipulated above were manufactured in a USDA approved export facility.
2. The product meets the requirements of U.S. Laws and Regulations and may be freely sold in the United States.
3. The pet food contains only porcine and/or poultry origin ingredients that were sourced from the United States; legally imported porcine and/or poultry origin ingredients from Canada; and/or legally imported poultry origin ingredients from European Union (EU) countries ¹.
4. The pet food only contains fish and/or bovine dairy products sourced from the United States; and/or fish and/or bovine dairy ingredients that were legally imported.
5. The United States is officially recognized as a negligible BSE risk country by the OIE.
6. All bovine material (excluding dairy, hides, skins and tallow containing a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15%) was sourced from animals born, reared and slaughtered in a negligible BSE risk country, as recognized by the OIE and/or bovine material (excluding dairy, hides, skins and tallow containing a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15%) was sourced from animals born in Canada (after the implementation of the ban on the feeding of ruminant-origin meat-and-bone meal and greaves in Canada) and legally imported and slaughtered in the United States
7. The pet food only contains bovine materials (excluding dairy, hides, skins and tallow containing a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15%) from cattle slaughtered in the United States and/or legally imported from BSE negligible risk countries, as recognized by the OIE and accepted by South Africa ².
8. Any ovine, caprine and/or cervid materials were legally imported from Australia and/or New Zealand, and have been segregated to ensure the product has not been commingled with ovine or caprine ingredients from other countries or regions while in the U.S.
9. In the case of hermetically sealed pet food, the product has been:
 - a. Heat treated in hermetically sealed containers to a minimum F_c value of 3.0; and
 - b. Manufactured and packaged complying with approved manufacturing practice, sufficient to render it commercially sterile and free from pathogenic microorganisms.
10. In the case of dry pet food and semi-moist pet food:
 - a. The processed pet food has been subjected to a heat treatment of at least 90°C throughout its substance; and/or
at least 70°C core temperature for 30 minutes
 - b. The product has been manufactured and packaged with approved manufacturing practice, sufficient to render it microbiologically stable.
11. The finished product was packaged in clean, leak resistant container(s) and has undergone precautions to prevent contamination with pathogenic agents.
12. Every precaution was taken that the material was not contaminated in any way after the heat treatment and the material was packed into new properly disinfected containers/bags/sacks.

¹ Countries in the EU: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

² BSE negligible risk countries accepted by South Africa for imported material are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Namibia, New Zealand, Paraguay and Uruguay

13. The risk of Salmonella or Enterobacteriaceae contamination in the pet food is sufficiently mitigated by the HACCP plan of the manufacturing establishment.

Name of official Veterinarian

Designation

Signature of official Veterinarian

Date

Official Seal

