

Certification Requirements: Export of U.S. Pet Foods to Singapore

GENERAL INFORMATION

Effective April 1, 2020, Singapore has revised their import requirements for pet food from the United States to allow inclusion of bovine ingredients from countries recognized by WOA (previously OIE) as negligible risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). This list may be found at <https://www.woah.org/en/disease/bovine-spongiform-encephalopathy/#ui-id-2>. All U.S. origin bovine ingredients are now eligible. Exporters with questions about eligibility of specific ingredients should contact their local VS Service Center.

CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT

The following certification statements, as applicable, should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 for the exportation of pet foods containing animal origin ingredients to Singapore. The first (unnumbered) certification statement must be made as a direct attestation by APHIS. The remaining, numbered certification statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer. If the product contains bovine ingredients (other than milk or protein-free tallow) and statement #6 below is included in the affidavit, the manufacturer must indicate the country of origin *in the affidavit* [this country of origin information does *not* go on the VS Form 16-4]. Product description should include the species of origin for all animal origin ingredients. The manufacturer's declaration (as described below) should be signed by a company official and incorporated as part of the export certificate (e.g. copied onto security paper, included in page numbering, etc.).

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

The United States is recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as having negligible BSE risk.

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

1. The products were manufactured in a facility or facilities that are authorized by the competent authority in the United States to manufacture pet food.
2. The products have been heat processed in a manner designed to destroy all microbiological pathogens of concern.
3. The products were packaged using new materials and handled in a manner to prevent contamination of the finished product.
4. The products do not contain mammalian proteins of bovine origin (except milk) [used if the products contain dairy ingredients of bovine origin but no other proteins of bovine origin]*

5. The products may contain protein-free tallow (maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight) [used if some or all products being certified contain protein-free tallow]**

6. Bovine ingredients (other than milk or protein-free tallow) used in the products are U.S. origin or were legally imported from countries recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as having negligible BSE risk. [statement required if products contain bovine ingredients other than milk/dairy and protein free tallow]

I, the undersigned veterinarian, have read the attached Manufacturer's Declaration, and have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the information provided.

*If the products do not contain milk/dairy or any other mammalian proteins of bovine origin, then this statement would be amended to read “The products do not contain any mammalian proteins of bovine origin.”

**Certification regarding protein-free tallow must be supported by lab results for the specific product (lot/containers) being exported.

MANUFACTURER’S DECLARATION

Please reference the main Singapore IREGs page for general information regarding manufacturer’s declarations. For pet food, the manufacturer’s declaration should include the name and address of the manufacturing establishment(s) and specific information about the products being exported to include 1) brand name; 2) batch information on the products (including manufacturing date or dates); 3) type of food (e.g., wet or dry); 4) packaging information (e.g., pouch, can, bag); and 5) intended species for feeding (e.g., dog, cat). The manufacturer’s declaration should be on company (not VS) letterhead, signed by a responsible/knowledgeable company employee, and included as part of the overall export certificate. If more than one manufacturer’s declaration is included, the attestation on the VS 16-4 should so indicate.