

Dog and Cat Chews Containing Hide

This protocol is intended to cover dog and cat chews containing hide* but no other animal origin ingredients except dairy, fish, gelatin, byproducts of gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, chondroitin, glucosamine, collagen, lecithin derived from poultry egg, animal grease, extracts, hydrosylates, concentrates, seasonings, and/or natural flavorings containing no bovine-origin ingredients.

***Hide:** As defined by Taiwan, the term “hide” or “hides” refers to rawhide derived from cloven-hooved animals or the skin of poultry/avian species which are dehaired, degreased, dried, clean and free of blood. It does not include ears, pizzles or other products which contain cartilage or other animal origin ingredients that do not originate from rawhide or skin.

NOTE: For dog and cat chews that do not contain hide and/or skin, and contain NO other animal-origin ingredients except dairy, fish, gelatin, byproducts of gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, chondroitin, glucosamine, collagen, lecithin derived from poultry egg, animal grease, extracts, hydrosylates, concentrates, seasonings, and/or flavorings containing no bovine-origin ingredients, see the document entitled “Dog and cat food containing NO animal-origin ingredients except exempt ingredients.”

Exporters should have their importers in Taiwan confirm prior to shipment that the consignment and documentation meet all Taiwanese requirements for entry.

FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Manufacturing facilities for dog and cat chews intended for export to Taiwan that meet the product requirements of this protocol must be approved by a competent authority in the United States for the production of pet food. For the majority of facilities, the competent authority is the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). While APHIS should not need to inspect these facilities, the local VS Service Center reserves the right to request an inspection to ensure the requirements within this protocol are being upheld. Additionally, these facilities must have effective measures in place to prevent contamination of the dog/cat chews with infectious animal disease pathogens, including bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), in raw materials and throughout the manufacturing and packaging process.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

Dog and cat chews containing hide but no other animal origin ingredients except dairy, fish, gelatin, by-products of gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, chondroitin, glucosamine, collagen, lecithin derived from poultry egg, animal grease, extracts, hydrosylates, concentrates, seasonings, and/or flavorings containing no bovine-origin ingredients may be certified on a VS Form 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products. If additional pages are need, VS Form 16-4A, Export Certificate for Animal Products (Continuation Page) may be used.

The manufacturing facility/exporter should prepare a notarized affidavit with the required certification statements listed under the notarized affidavit line as applicable below. If assistance is needed in preparing a properly notarized affidavit, please work with the local VS Service Center that will be endorsing the export certificate(s).

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- A. For products produced in a State NOT currently banned by Taiwan for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or Newcastle disease, or for products that do not contain poultry/avian skin:
- a. Statements to appear under the VS Form 16-4 “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS”:

No outbreak of lumpy skin disease has occurred in the United States of America for at least 28 days prior to export.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [*exporter/manufacturer*] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. Products described below were manufactured at the following facility approved by a competent government authority in the United States for the production of dog/cat chews [*insert name and address of manufacturer*].
2. The products were produced [*insert manufacturing date(s)*].
3. Products are packaged in new and never before used packaging materials.
4. The products contain no animal origin-ingredients derived from cloven-hoofed animals or poultry/avian except for exempt flavorings (flavorings containing no bovine-origin ingredients) and skin/hide derived from cloven-hoofed animals **or poultry/avian** which is dehaired, degreased, dried, clean and free of blood; and those derived from dairy, fish, gelatin, byproducts of gelatin, dicalcium phosphate, chondroitin, glucosamine, collagen, animal grease, extracts, hydrosylates, concentrates, seasonings, and/or lecithin derived from poultry egg.
5. Effective measures were taken to prevent contamination of the dog/cat chews with infectious animal disease pathogens, including BSE, in raw materials and through the manufacturing and packing process.
6. (If the product label includes company information that differs from the name and address of the manufacturer noted above):
[*Name and address of manufacturing facility*] also manufactures products included in this consignment labeled with the following company information: [*company name(s) and address(es) that appear(s) on the package(s) in the consignment*].

NOTE: If product does not contain poultry/avian skin/hide, please omit the text highlighted in red above from Statement #4.

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- B. For products containing poultry/avian hide/skin produced in a currently banned State for HPAI or Newcastle disease:
- a. Include statements 1-6 per the above guidance under the VS Form 16-4 “ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS”
 - b. Add the following attestation after statement 6 as noted above:
 7. The rawhide of poultry/avian origin was heat-treated with the core of the product reaching a temperature of 70°C for at least 30 minutes; or 80°C for at least 9 minutes; or 100°C for one (1) minute.

Product Description

The “Product Description” box of the VS Form 16-4 must contain the following information:

Product name: [e.g. *dog chews*]*

Weight and quantity: [e.g. *500 pounds (20-5 pound bags and 40-10 pound boxes)*]**

Species of origin: [e.g. *bovine and avian*]

*NOTE: A generic product name (e.g. dog chews) should be used instead of listing the name of each item. Information regarding product codes is not required and should not be included on the certificate endorsed by APHIS. If exporters wish to provide this information to their importers, it must be done on other shipping documents. Exporters are advised to provide this information to their importers separate from the documents that accompany the shipment to avoid retention of the shipment due to questions as to whether the product codes match the information provided on the product packaging.

**NOTE: The quantity must include the total weight, as well as the number of packages. A total weight is not acceptable if the items are individually packaged.

Product Identification

The “Identification” box of the VS Form 16-4 must contain enough information to link the certificate to the product being shipped (e.g. container number(s) or lot number(s)).