

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

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 certification statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit. Product description should include the species of origin for all animal origin ingredients.

The Manufacturer's Declaration (as described below***) should be notarized and incorporated as part of the export certificate.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company/manufacture 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 used in the products other than milk or protein-free tallow were derived only from animals in Australia/New Zealand. [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.

*****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, notarized 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.