

Export of Pet Food to Costa Rica

Exportation of pet food to Costa Rica requires registration and a current import permit. Information can be found at www.protecnet.go.cr.

There are no restrictions on the use of bovine ingredients in DOG food. Certification requirements are not known.

CAT food that does NOT contain ruminant proteins (except as noted below) is allowed entry. Cat food must be exported on a VS Form 16-4 with the following statements.

“The certified materials:

- Do not contain any ruminant proteins (except milk) OR Do not contain any ruminant proteins except milk and [species/product] legally imported from Australia or New Zealand;
- Contain protein-free tallow (maximum level of insoluble impurities Of 0.15% in weight” (IF APPLICABLE); and
- Were processed in facilities where there is no possibility of contamination or commingling with ruminant materials from any BSE country.”

Additional certification requirements for cat food are not known.