

Additional requirements for new facilities to gain approval to export pet food to France:

Facilities which are not currently on the French list of facilities approved to export pet food to France, will need to send an official request to the French Ministry of Agriculture to be added to the approved list.

The request for certification should include the following:

- the name, corporate name, and address of the plant,
- for the product to be exported: the name of the product, the description of the product, and the ingredients in the product,
- the surface of the plant and daily production of the plant,
- the origin and type of raw materials used (explaining if they are high risk or low risk materials according to EU regulation 90/667/CEE),
- the manufacturing process as well as thermal treatments to which the products are submitted,
- the microbiological analyses performed on finished products,
- the measures implemented to avoid any contamination of finished products before shipment (packaging and storage methods),
- the name, address and tel/fax number of the authorities in charge of controlling the plant.

This request for certification should be translated into French and sent through the embassy in France to the Direction Generale de l'Alimentation, Mission de Coordination Sanitaire Internationale, Bureau Importation Pays Tiers, accompanied by the advice of US health authorities concerned.

The French translation should be sent to:

Florence Pinon  
Agricultural Assistant  
American Embassy in Paris  
Tel: 33.1.43.12.22.51  
Fax: 33.1.43.12.26.62

An English version should be sent to the National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) to the attention of Dr. Burleson, facsimile number: 301-734-8226.

If the request complies with French requirements, a decision making the certification official will be published in the Official Journal of the French Republic. Then the plant will be authorized to export pet food to France.