

## **Certification Requirements: Inedible Bovine Meat & Meat Byproducts – For Use in Pet Food**

The following certification statements, as applicable, should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 for the exportation of inedible bovine meat and/or meat byproducts (except liver and veal) to Canada for use in pet food. These statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit from the exporter. Although these statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit, the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) Area Office may require additional documentation or a facility inspection, as deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements.

Please note that the product description (product box on VS Form 16-4) should include the species of origin, as well as the type of product (e.g., “bovine meat, bovine kidneys”).  
\*\*\*The name and establishment number(s) of the FSIS facilities from which the product was obtained must also be included in this section.\*\*\*

### Certification:

“This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The certified inedible bovine meat and/or meat byproducts:
  - a. Were derived exclusively from animals which received ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection in a federally inspected establishment;
  - b. Did not show evidence of infectious pathological condition at the time of collection;
  - c. Were hygienically prepared and handled in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations;
  - d. Were determined to be suitable for inclusion in (animal) pet food in accordance with USDA regulations;
  - e. Are intended for (animal) pet food use only;
  - f. Originate from animals which were verified to be less than 30 months of age in accordance with prescribed verification methods;
  - g. \*Were produced in establishments that are certified to CFIA as eligible for export to Canada; and
  - h. Do not contain any small intestines or tonsils.
2. \*\*The certified bovine meat and/or meat byproducts meet all requirements of EC Regulation 1774/2002, as amended, for inclusion in pet food.”

\*The source FSIS establishment(s) must be approved for the export of bovine meat and meat byproducts to Canada. To be approved, the FSIS facility must produce bovine meat and meat byproducts under an Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Beef Export Verification (BEV) Program, and must be listed by AMS as approved to export these products to Canada. The endorsing APHIS VS Area Office will verify that the FSIS establishment(s) from which the product was sourced is (are) approved to export bovine

meat and meat byproducts to Canada. The list of AMS approved facilities can be found at: [www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bev.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bev.htm)

\*\* Statement #2 must be included for inedible bovine meat and/or meat byproducts being exported to Canada for inclusion in pet food intended for export to the European Union. The endorsing APHIS VS Area Office will verify that the FSIS establishment(s) from which the product was sourced is (are) approved by APHIS VS to export the product to the European Union under the requirements of EC Regulation 1774/2002, as amended.