

Certification Requirements: Inedible Ovine/Caprine 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 ovine or caprine (sheep or goat) meat and/or meat byproducts 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., “ovine meat, ovine 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 ovine or caprine 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. *Were derived from animals less than 12 months of age when slaughtered in establishments that are certified to CFIA as eligible for export to Canada
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 ovine or caprine meat and meat byproducts to Canada. To be approved, the FSIS facility must produce ovine or caprine meat and meat byproducts under an AMS 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 ovine or caprine meat and meat byproducts to Canada. The list of AMS approved facilities can be found at:

www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bev.htm

** Statement #2 must be included for inedible ovine or caprine 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.