

## Certification Requirements for the Importation of Pet Food into Barbados from the United States

**The manufacturing facility must be approved by the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services to export pet food to Barbados prior to endorsement of export certificates.**

The following certification statements (as applicable) should be placed on a VS 16-4 for pet food being exported to Barbados. (Please read footnote explanations on second page before completing the certificate.)

1. The manufacturing plant has been approved by the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services to export pet food to Barbados.
2. There has been no outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza or velogenic Newcastle disease within a 30 km radius of the manufacturing facility, slaughter facility, or farm of origin for the past 6 months. <sup>1</sup>
3. The pet foods do not contain proteins derived from bovine animals with the exception of milk and milk products; hides and skins or gelatin and collagen derived exclusively from hides, skins, and bones; protein free tallow or tallow derivatives (maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight); dicalcium phosphate with no trace of protein or fat. <sup>2</sup>

**OR**

The beef or beef products contained in the products certified herein originated from Australia or New Zealand or \_\_\_\_\_, a country(ies) recognized by the OIE as BSE free. <sup>3</sup>

**OR**

The beef or beef product contained in the certified product: 1) comes from animals subjected to ante and post mortem inspection with favorable results; 2) does not include advanced recovery meat or mechanically separated meat; 3) was derived from cattle that were humanely stunned using a method that did not involve injecting gas into the cranial cavity nor laceration of the spinal cord; and 4) does not contain specified risk materials, including brain, eyes, spinal cord, skull, vertebral column and derived protein products from animals that were over 30 months of age at the time of slaughter, and the tonsils and intestines of cattle of any age. <sup>4</sup>

4. The dry or semi-moist products certified herein were processed in such a way that the ingredients of animal origin have been subjected to a heat treatment of at least 90<sup>0</sup>C throughout their substance.
5. The canned products certified herein have been heat treated in hermetically sealed containers to an F<sub>0</sub> of 3.0 or more.
6. The products certified herein can be sold without restriction in the USA.
7. The necessary precautions were taken after heat processing of the certified products to avoid recontamination with pathogenic agents.
8. The products certified herein were packed and sealed in new packing/bags at the manufacturing plant and are intended for animal consumption only.

<sup>1</sup> In the event of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza or velogenic Newcastle disease in the United States, certification statement #2 above would be: “The products certified herein have been sufficiently heat treated to destroy the highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease viruses, and the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the commodity with any source of highly pathogenic avian influenza or Newcastle disease viruses.” \*\*Please consult with your VS Area Office before using this alternative certification statement. \*\*

<sup>2</sup> Use this certification when the pet food does not contain any other bovine derived proteins other than those listed. List only those ingredients that are included in the product. \*\*If the product contains protein-free tallow (maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight), include the supporting lab results. \*\*

<sup>3</sup> Use this certification statement when beef ingredients included in the product are legally imported from Australia or New Zealand or another country or countries (must be listed) recognized as BSE free by the OIE.

<sup>4</sup> This certification will only be used when US beef ingredients are included in the product. Exporter must be able to provide verification that the beef ingredients were obtained from official slaughter facilities and all stated requirements have been met. \*\*These are the same restrictions applied to beef for human consumption. \*\*