

Attachment 15-1: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dog and Cat Food

(In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and the English translation thereof, the Chinese text shall govern.)

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1. The quarantine requirements regulate the importation of dog and cat food indicating products containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals or Aves animals and categorizing as the following goods of the Commodity Classification Code (CCC Code) of the Republic of China:

(1) 2309.10.00.00-2 “Dog or cat food, for retail sale”

(2) 4205.00.90.10-4 “Pet chews, manufactured by animal origin rawhide”

Dog and cat food that comply with one of the following criteria shall be exempted:

(1) Products containing ingredients derived from animals other than Artiodactyla animals or Aves animals;

(2) Products containing no ingredients derived from bovine and manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure.

The requirements do not apply to the exporting countries (zones) where there is a bilateral agreement between the exporting and importing countries.

2. Terms used in the quarantine requirements are defined as follows:

(1) The countries (zones) free and not free from designated infectious animal diseases and with reported case(s) of Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE): The free countries (zones) refers to the ones that have been recognized by the central competent authority as being free from foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), African swine fever (ASF), classical swine fever (CSF), peste des petits ruminants (PPR), highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease (ND), or countries (zones) with reported case(s) of BSE recognized by the central competent authority pursuant to Paragraph 1, Article 33 of the “Statute for Prevention and Control of Infectious Animal Disease”; except for above-mentioned countries (zones), other countries (zones) are deemed as not being free.

(2) Ingredients of Artiodactyla animals: The raw materials of the dog and cat food are derived from cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer and other animals susceptible to infectious animal diseases listed in the Subparagraph 1 of Article 2 as specified by the central competent authority.

(3) Ingredients of Aves animals: The raw materials of the dog and cat food are

derived from chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and other animals as specified by the central competent authority.

The animal ingredients mentioned in the Subparagraphs 2 and 3 of Article 2 exclude gelatin, by-products of gelatin, collagen, chondroitin, glucosamine, dicalcium phosphate, dairy products, animal grease, extracts, hydrolysates, concentrates, flavors, lecithin derived from poultry egg, and flavors derived from animals excluding bovine.

3. The manufacturing plants of dog and cat food shall be approved by the competent authority of the exporting country as the plants that produce dog and cat food, and the dog and cat food shall be packed and shipped in clean and brand new containers. For the importation of dog and cat food that comply with one of the following conditions, the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country shall provide relevant information to the import/export animal quarantine authority for reviewing or assuring that official control systems and measures of supervision of the exporting country possess the required equivalency:
 - (1) The dog and cat food containing ingredients of Artiodactyla animals and Aves animals are imported from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from FMD, CBPP, ASF, CSF, PPR, HPAI or ND without being manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure.
 - (2) The dog and cat food imported from countries (zones) with reported case(s) of BSE or BSE-risk status recognized by the OIE as being controlled or undetermined based on the latest information of the OIE website.

The relevant information as specified in the Paragraph 2 of Article 3 includes the following contents:

- (1) The questionnaire shall be delivered by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country filled out by the manufacturing plant(s) of dog and cat food;
- (2) The relevant information regarding dog and cat food hygiene management system, measures of supervision of the competent authority of the exporting country and application for system approval shall be provided.

For the review of the Paragraph 2 of Article 3, the import/export animal quarantine authority may dispatch inspectors to conduct on-site inspection audits and regular on-site re-inspection. If the exporting country does not accept the inspection, or any non-compliance with the quarantine requirements is found during the audit, the import/export animal quarantine authority may suspend importation of dog and cat food from the exporting country or from the designated establishments concerned. The expenses shall be shouldered by the exporting country, according to relevant regulations. For exporting country which has signed bilateral or multilateral agreement with the importing country, the expenses should be shouldered according

to the agreement.

4. Each consignment of the dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from cattle manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure, or containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals imported from countries (zones) recognized as being free from FMD, CBPP, ASF, CSF or PPR; or containing ingredients derived from Aves animals imported from countries (zones) recognized as being free from HPAI and ND shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:

- (1) Names and addresses of the importer and exporter;
- (2) Names and addresses of the manufacturing plants and statements noting that they comply with the Paragraph 1 of Article 3.
- (3) Names, amount of packages, weights and manufacturing dates of the dog and cat food;
- (4) Animal species for the animal ingredients of origin of the dog and cat food;
- (5) Effective measures were taken to prevent the dog and cat food from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other infectious animal diseases in raw materials throughout the manufacturing and packing process.
- (6) Date, place, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and printed name and signature of the issuing veterinary officer.

5. The dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals imported from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from FMD, CBPP, ASF, CSF or PPR; or containing ingredients derived from Aves animals imported from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from HPAI or ND shall comply with the following processes:

- (1) The dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals or Aves animals shall be heat-treated to reach a core temperature of 70°C for at least 30 minutes, 80°C for at least 9 minutes or 100 °C for at least 1 minute during the processing procedures;
- (2) Other heat-treatments that achieve equivalent efficacy of inactivating viruses with treatments indicated in preceding Paragraph recognized by the import/export animal quarantine authority.

Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:

- (1) Names and addresses of the importer and exporter.
- (2) Names, addresses of the manufacturing plants and statements noting that they comply with the Paragraph 1 of Article 3.

- (3) Names, amount of packages, weights and manufacturing dates of the dog and cat food.
 - (4) Animal species for the animal ingredients of origin of the dog and cat food.
 - (5) The process complying with preceding Paragraph.
 - (6) Effective measures were taken to prevent the dog and cat food from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other infectious animal diseases in raw materials throughout the manufacturing and packing process
 - (7) Date, place, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and printed name and signature of the issuing veterinary officer.
6. The dog and cat food produced by skin of Artiodactyla animals and Aves animals with the processes of depilation, destearination, drying and cleaning are made for chewing without blood clots and other ingredients of animal origins (hereinafter referred to as “pet chew”) are not applicable for Article 3, Article 4 and the Paragraph 2 of Article 5:
- Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
- (1) Names and addresses of the importer and exporter.
 - (2) Names and addresses of the manufacturing plants.
 - (3) Names, amount of packages, weights and manufacturing dates of the pet chews.
 - (4) Statements attesting that the consignment fulfill the requirements mentioned in the Paragraph 1 of Article 6; meanwhile, the heat-treatments mentioned in the Paragraph 1 of Article 5 shall be stated when the exporting country are not recognized as being free from indicated animal diseases.
 - (5) Effective measures were taken to prevent the pet chew from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other infectious animal diseases in raw materials throughout the manufacturing and packing process.
 - (6) Date, place, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and printed name and signature of the issuing veterinary officer.
7. The consignment required to be transshipped through third countries (zones) shall comply with the “Regulations of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container”.