

**Facility Questionnaire:
Importation of Pet Foods/Treats/Compound Chews from the USA containing only
Non-Bovinae Animal Ingredients**

This questionnaire is to be completed by U.S. facilities that only desire to continue exporting pet foods/treats/compound chews with NO bovine (cattle bison, buffalo and exotics such as kudu) ingredients (except milk/dairy, protein free tallow, rawhide, and other ingredients identified by the OIE as essentially BSE risk free) to Canada under the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA), Part IV, Health of Animals Regulations, effective July 1, 2009.

As of July 1, 2009, all pet foods/treats/compound chews will only be allowed entry into Canada with a valid import permit. The non-bovine pet foods/treats/compound chews covered by this questionnaire will be enterable into Canada with a valid import permit and an Importer's Statement of Compliance for each shipment.

APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) does NOT:

- **Endorse this questionnaire;**
- **Inspect or approve facilities completing this questionnaire for the export of non-bovine pet foods/treats/compound chews to Canada; or**
- **Certify pet food products covered by this questionnaire for export to Canada.**

The facility should complete the questionnaire and provide it to their Canadian importer. Their Canadian importer will submit it to CFIA as part of the import permit application process. NOTE: U.S. facilities should work with their Canadian importers to confirm that this questionnaire is appropriate for the products they intend to export to Canada.



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This questionnaire must be completed by a manufacturing facility producing the finished Pet Foods mentioned above which does not export pet food products containing bovine* ingredients to Canada

1. Complete name and address of the facility where the product is produced, processed, packaged, stored, or otherwise handled. **(Note: a questionnaire must be completed for each facility.)**

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Contact Name/Title _____

Phone/Fax/E-mail _____

2. The product(s) covered by this questionnaire is/are (delete item(s) not applicable; describe as needed)

Pet Food

- i. Wet hermetically sealed
- ii. Dry (kibble)
- iii. Soft moist
- iv. Other (please specify)

Pet Treat

- i. Semi moist (soft)
- ii. Dry (jerky)
- iii. Other (please specify)

Chew

- i. Compound (e.g., rawhide wrapped around dried chicken jerky) – specify animal origin ingredients other than rawhide

*For the purposes of this questionnaire, milk and dairy ingredients; protein free tallow and rawhide are not considered bovine ingredients.



3. Your manufacturing facility is a: (**check applicable box**)

Dedicated Facility: does not receive process or handle any bovine ingredients **OR** the bovine ingredients on the premises are certified specified risk material (SRM¹) removed. (**Note: Dairy, protein free tallow, and rawhide are not considered bovine ingredients for the purposes of this questionnaire. Additionally, facilities with bovine ingredients sourced only from a negligible BSE risk country recognized by CFIA or from Canada will be considered dedicated.**)

OR

Dedicated Line: has on the premises bovine ingredients not certified as SRM removed but has a dedicated line on which it produces non-bovine product for export to Canada

OR

Mixed Facility: produces on the same premises product containing bovine ingredients not certified SRM removed for the domestic market and non-bovine derived products for export to Canada.

4. In the case of a mixed facility, the plant has a written standard operating procedure (SOP) covering separation and clean out protocols implementing the **FDA Guideline No.68 Guidance for Industry: Small entities Compliance Guide for Protein Blenders, Feed manufacturers and Distributors** and warrants that such a procedure is employed to clean out and flush the line(s) prior to the use of the line(s) for the production of any pet food, pet treat or compound chew or pet food ingredients destined for export to Canada. (**Please attach a copy of your SOP to this questionnaire**)
5. The exported product does not contain any bovine ingredients except for milk, milk powder, other dairy ingredients, protein free tallow or rawhide.

¹ Permissible materials cannot contain or be prepared from the following specified risk materials: the skull, including the brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, spinal cord, dorsal root ganglia, and the vertebral column (excluding the vertebra of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebra, and the wings of the sacrum) from cattle aged 30 months or older; and the distal ileum of the small intestine (last 80 cm or 200 inches of the small intestine) and tonsils from cattle of all ages.



Signature of Facility Representative

Signature of Canadian Importer

Title of Facility Representative

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Date

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