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EXPORT VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR PET FOOD  
CONTAINING NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIAN IMPORTED RUMINANT  
ORIGIN INGREDIENTS FOR EXPORT TO SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE UNITED  
STATES

**DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT:**

Specify type of product and species of origin of raw material:

\_\_\_\_\_

Packaging/cartons bearing the following markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Consignor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Container number: \_\_\_\_\_ Seal number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Port of  
loading: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Consignee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of loading: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel/aircraft: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Veterinarian authorized by the Veterinary Services of the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, hereby certify after due inquiry, to the best of my knowledge and based on regular (at least quarterly) inspections and audits of available records that the following conditions apply to the pet food covered by Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_.

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ products stipulated below were manufactured in a State approved export facility under the authority of the STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_.

2) The non-ruminant animal origin materials were obtained from (delete as appropriate):

a. animals that were born and raised in North America, slaughtered at an abattoir in the United States of America, subjected to both ante- and post-mortem veterinary inspections, found free from signs of disease, and on the basis of such inspections showed no evidence of disease derived from transportation; or

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(Valid Only if the USDA Veterinary  
Seal Appears Over the Certificate #)

b. animals and carcasses not passed fit for human consumption but permitted by USA law to be used in the production of pet food after having undergone an approved sterilization process.

3) Ruminant origin materials imported from Australia or New Zealand were obtained from (delete as appropriate):

a. animals raised and slaughtered in New Zealand or Australia where they were subjected to ante and postmortem inspection; or

b. animals and carcasses not passed fit for human consumption but permitted by USA law to be used in the production of pet food after having undergone an approved sterilization process.

4) No Material of U.S. bovine, ovine or caprine origin (except dairy, raw hide, and protein free tallow) has been included in the final product.

5) Imported ruminant origin ingredients have been segregated to ensure the product has not been commingled with ruminant ingredients from other countries or regions.

6) The pet food has been sufficiently processed to assure the destruction of harmful pathogens as demonstrated by the fact that finished products (except for hermetically sealed containers) are routinely tested and found negative for salmonella.

7) In the case of Dry Pet Food the pet food has been subjected to an extruder temperature of 250°F (121°C) for 30 seconds, followed by a drying time and temperature of at least 190°F (88°C) for 15 minutes.

8) In the case of Semi-Moist Pet Food, the product has been subjected to an extruder temperature of 250°F (121°C) at 2-3 bars for 15 seconds.

9) In the case of Canned Pet Food the product has been manufactured according to standard canning processing techniques and has been subjected to a F<sub>0</sub> value of 3 or more.

10) The consignment was transported in sealed containers, with the following seal number(s):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of official Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name in Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designation