

(iii) after satisfactory verification of the documents, the Regional Officer or Quarantine Officer shall release the consignment after taking the following declaration from the importer, namely:-

- (a) that the imported product shall not find way into animal food chain other than for feeding of dogs and cats;
- (b) that left over product shall be disposed of properly;
- (c) that the labeling of the products shall be done in local or regional language.

3. **Power of Central Government to relax conditions** – The Central Government may, in public interest, relax any of the conditions specified under this notification relating to the permit in relation to the import of dog and cat food products of animal origin into India.

4. The notification shall come into force on the date of publication of this notification in the Gazette of India.

Form-I

[See paragraph 2.(i)(b)]

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF DOG AND CAT FOOD PRODUCTS INTO INDIA

I. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR IMPORTATION

1. Consignor (name and address in full) (i) Name (ii) Address (iii) Contact No. (iv) email	2. Health certificate No. Date
3. Consignee (name and address in full) (i) Name (ii) Address (iii) Contact No. (iv) email	4. Country of origin (i) Name (ii) Address (iii) Contact No. (iv) email
5. Issuing Competent Authority (i) Ministry (ii) Department	6. Place of loading (i) Name (ii) Address (iii) Contact No. (iv) email
7. Quantity (in words and figures) (i) Number of packs (ii) Net weight	8. Consignment identification details Batch numbers of the product(s)
9. Address of dog and cat food products manufacturing plant	10. Destination country Final destination (name and address)
11. Registration or Accreditation or Approval number of the manufacturing plant (Number or Date or Validity)	12. Mode of Transport
13. Name and address of the Registration or Accreditation or Approving authority	14. Sanitary Import Permit No. Date and Validity

II. SANITARY INFORMATION

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the dog and cat food products described that:

- (i) originates from:
- (i) meat or meat products of healthy poultry;
 - (ii) meat or meat products of healthy lamb, sheep, goat and pig;
 - (iii) fish and fish products
(please tick appropriately).
- (ii) originates from meat or meat products of animals and complies the following:
- (i) the sourced animals have undergone ante-mortem and post-mortem examinations;
 - (ii) the meat has been obtained from healthy animals.
- (iii) is the one with no ingredients of specific risk materials from ruminant origin as defined by Office International des Epizooties have been incorporated (in the dog and cat food products of ruminant origin), except for the following, namely:
- (a) milk or milk products;
 - (b) protein-free tallow of ovine or caprine origin; and
 - (c) if the ovine or caprine materials or ingredients are included in the dog and cat food products that has to be imported from countries free from Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy group of diseases and the following information shall be provided,-
 - (i) details of origin of ovine and caprine ingredients;
 - (ii) certificate number;
 - (iii) country of origin;
 - (iv) name of Animal Health Authority issuing Certificate for ingredients; and
 - (v) date of endorsement of the Certificate.
 - (d) the dog and cat food products has been processed in any of the following heat treatment, -
 - (i) at ninety degree centigrade throughout its substance of the final product; or
 - (ii) under gone heat treatment at ninety degree centigrade of its animal origin materials for one second; or
 - (iii) seventy degree centigrade for thirty minutes; or
 - (iv) eighty degrees centigrade for nine minutes; or
 - (v) have been processed at a temperature to attain Fo value not less than 3.0; or
 - (vi) have been processed at a temperature to attain F_c value not less than 3.0.
 - (iv) before actual dispatch of dog and cat food products into India the product was examined by a random sampling of at least five samples from each processed batch taken during or after storage at the processing plant, and test results shows that,-
 - (i) facultative aerobic micro-organisms are less than 5×10^3 per gram or per milliliter of sample;
 - (ii) no Salmonella in twenty five gram or twenty five ml of sample,
 - (iii) sulphite reduced clostridium per gram or per milliliter of sample was not more than 5×10^3 (in case of canned and moist food);
 - (iv) activity of water in dehydrated products must not be higher than 0.93 or adequately dried to prevent microbiological growth mentioned above (in case of dry food);
 - (v) was not produced from,-
 - (a) animals kept for agricultural production, which died but were not slaughtered, including stillborn and unborn animals, and, without prejudice to instances of emergency slaughtering for reasons of welfare, and farm animals that have died in transit;

- (b) animals which were killed in the context of disease control measures either on the farm or in any other place designated by the competent authority;
 - (c) animal waste, including blood originating from animals which showed, during veterinary inspection carried out at the time of slaughtering, clinical signs of disease communicable to man or other animals;
 - (d) those parts of animals slaughtered in the normal way which were not presented for post mortem inspection, with the exception of hides, skins, hooves, feathers, wool, horn, blood and similar products;
 - (e) meat, poultry meat, fish and foodstuffs of animal origin which were spoiled;
 - (f) the dog and cat food products has been produced in sanitary conditions and contains no harmful substances;
 - (g) fish or offal from fish which was excluded from human consumption because of clinical signs of an infectious disease;
 - (h) was not produced from using meat of animals which are prohibited by any other law in the territory of Union of India for international trade;
 - (i) processed animal protein derived from high risk material.
- (vi) has undergone all precautions to avoid recontamination with pathogenic agents after treatment;
- (vii) was packed in a new packaging material;
- (viii) the containers of dog and cat food products are sealed properly.

Signature

Date

Official Stamp

Official Government Veterinarian

Name:

Address:

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