GUIDELINES FOR IMPORTING PET FOOD AND FEED FOR NON-FOOD PRODUCING ANIMALS CONTAINING MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS INTO SINGAPORE FROM SCHEDULED COUNTRIES

All import of pet food, treats and supplements and feed for non-food producing animals containing meat or meat products (beef, lamb, chicken, meat/bone meal, etc) do not require approval from AVS before they can be imported into Singapore.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom & United States of America.

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

The consignment must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** from the veterinary administration of the exporting country certifying:

a) Importer name and address, and telephone contact (if any)
b) Manufacturer name and address
c) Manufacturing plant approved by veterinary administration of the exporting country
d) Manufacturing plant number (if any) and full address of manufacturing plant
e) Manufacturing process e.g. heat treatment at minimum 70°C for 30 minutes
f) Brand name
g) Batch information of the products (must include manufacturing date/s)
h) Clear description of product details, including item name, target species (e.g. dog or cat), food type (wet or dry), packaging format (pouch, can, bag)
i) Certification that the beef and beef products used were derived from cattle originating from countries/regions/zones in the World Organisation for Animal Health's (WOAH) list of members with negligible Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) risk*. The specific countries/regions/zones for the origin of beef and beef products should be indicated, and this can be indicated as a separate liner.
j) For pet food containing meat or meat products, either:
    a. Certification of country freedom from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Rinderpest for the last six months prior to date of export; or
    b. Certification of the manufacturing process, and declaration that the treatment process is sufficient to inactivate all pathogens of concern, namely Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus and Rinderpest virus
k) The end product was packed in the plant in new and sterilised packaging and precautions were taken to prevent contamination

* Import of feed containing beef and beef products derived from cattle originating from countries/regions/zones not in WOAH's list of members with negligible BSE risk is not allowed.

The packing of the pet food shall be clearly labelled, in English, with the following information:

a. name and address of the manufacturer
b. name and address of the importer.

c. date of manufacture and expiry
d. directions for use for the intended animal species
e. the list of ingredients used in the pet food.
f. its guaranteed analysis in a complete and balanced diet (must meet the internationally recommended nutritional standards e.g from the National Research Council and Association of American Feed Control Officials).

CARGO CLEARANCE PERMIT AND TRADENET DECLARATION

Each consignment of pet food imported into Singapore must be accompanied by a Cargo Clearance Permit (CCP), which also serves as an AVS-issued import permit. Consignments that are not accompanied by a CCP will be detained and disposed. Please ensure that a CCP has been obtained before the consignment leaves the Free Trade Zone (FTZ).

Please submit a TradeNet Declaration to obtain a CCP. When making a TradeNet Declaration, importers are required to submit the copy of veterinary health certificate, invoices, packing list, manufacturer's declaration, bill of lading/AWB and other documents before TradeNet approval will be granted. Original health certificate must be kept on file by the importer for AVS audit and verification.

Importers are to ensure that the correct HS Code and Product Codes are used when making a TradeNet declaration.

The pet food importer is required to open a GIRO account with AVS for the payment of permit fee. Permit fee for Import or Transhipment of pet food is $22 per consignment.

Should you require further information, please contact www.avs.gov.sg/feedback.