

## **GUIDELINES FOR IMPORTING PET FOOD CONTAINING MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS INTO SINGAPORE FROM NON-SCHEDULED COUNTRIES**

All import of pet food including rawhides/dog chews containing meat or meat products (beef, lamb, chicken, meat/bone meal, etc) requires approval from AVA before they can be imported into Singapore.

### **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

All countries **except** Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom & United States of America

### **IMPORT REQUIREMENTS**

The import of pet food including rawhides/dog chews containing meat & meat products (beef, lamb, chicken, meat/bone meal, etc) from all countries except Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom and United States of America must seek approval from AVA before import.

The importer must check with the overseas manufacturing plant to ascertain if the plant has already been approved by AVA to export pet food into Singapore. If it is a new establishment, the importer must submit a technical dossier from the manufacturing plant to AVA for evaluation. The dossier must contain the following:

- (a) Name and address of the licensed manufacturing plant.
- (b) Name of each type of animal feed intended for export.
- (c) The proximate analysis of the animal feed (crude protein content, crude fat content, crude fibre content and moisture content);
- (d) The composition and ingredients of the animal feed
- (e) Product label , which must indicate:
  - 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. 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).
- (f) Other types of products produced by the manufacturing plant, if any.
- (g) Other countries that the products are exported to, if any.
- (h) Details on manufacturing processes (including processing parameters for extrusion or canning).
- (i) Sources of meat meal, sterilisation/treatment process for the meat meal and country of origin of the animals from which the meat meal was derived from.

- (j) Sanitation, quality control and management practice (e.g. HACCP and ISO 9002 schemes) and the qualified persons for such controls in the manufacturing plant.
- (k) Quality control reports including monitoring of feed for quality, wholesomeness and safety.
- (l) National regulations concerning the manufacturing standards and control of such manufactured feeds.

A **sample copy of the health certificate** from the authority of the exporting country must also be submitted to AVA for evaluation. The health certification requirements for import of pet food products containing meat and meat products are as follows:

- 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 species information (dog or cat), type of food (wet or dry), packaging information (pouch, can, bag)
- i. Certification of country freedom from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (for pet food containing beef or beef products) \*
- j. For pet food containing meat or meat products, either:
  - a. Certification of country freedom from Foot and Mouth Disease 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 FMD virus and Rinderpest virus.
- k. Certification that 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 from non-BSE free countries 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).

### **AFTER APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN**

The pet food importer is required to open a GIRO account with AVA for the payment of permit fee. Permit fee for Import or Transshipment of pet food is \$22 per consignment. Should you require further information, please contact:

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### **TRADENET DECLARATION**

When making a TradeNet Declaration, importers are required to submit the original health certificate, invoices, packing list, manufacturer's declaration, bill of lading/AWB and other documents before TradeNet approval will be granted.

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

### **TRAVELERS**

Please note that with effect from 14 July 2010, AVA has imposed traveler's allowance limits for pet food containing meat and meat products from all countries. No import permit from AVA is required if you are carrying:

- (a) 1 -5 bags (dry pet food), up to a maximum of 20 kg in combined weight per traveller;  
AND/OR
- (b) 1 -5 cans / pouches (wet pet food), up to a maximum of 5 kg in combined weight per traveller.

The above allowance limits applies to both hand-carried baggage as well as parcel post items. Amounts of pet food above the allowance limits would be allowed import with an import permit from AVA (applied by declaring through

TradeNet), if the pet food is from approved sources/countries. Amounts of pet food above the allowance limits would not be allowed import from non-approved sources/countries, and any excess above the allowance limit will be detained and disposed of, or ordered to return shipment without crossing Customs.