

## Appendix 4-6

### Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dog and Cat Food

(In case of any divergence in the translation, the Chinese text shall prevail.)

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## Article 1

**1.1** These requirements are applicable to products containing ingredients derived from cloven-hoofed animals or poultry/avian and intended for food or pet chew for dogs and cats (known as “Dog and Cat Food”). However, for any of the following situation, the quarantine requirements are not applicable:

**1.1.1** Dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from animal species other than cloven-hoofed animals or poultry.

**1.1.2** Dog and cat food which is manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure but does not contain ingredients derived from bovine.

**1.1.3** Exporting country has signed a bilateral agreement with Taiwan and quarantine requirements were separately established by the central competent authorities.

**1.2** “Animal ingredients” as specified in Article 1.1 do not include gelatin, collagen, chondroitin, glucosamine, dicalcium phosphate, dairy products, lecithin derived from poultry egg and flavors derived animals excluding bovine.

## Article 2

**2.1** The manufacturing plant shall be approved by the competent authority of the exporting country for manufacturing dog and cat food. The dog and cat food shall be packed and shipped in clean and brand

new containers.

**2.2** If any of the following situations exist, the quarantine competent authority of the exporting country shall submit relevant data to the animal quarantine authority (BAPHIQ) in order to assess the manufacturing plant, or confirm that the official management and supervision measure is equivalent, to approve the manufacturing plant to export its products to Taiwan:

**2.2.1** To import dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from susceptible cloven-hoofed animals from countries (zones) recognized as infected with foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia or African swine fever, or containing ingredients derived from poultry/avian from countries (zones) recognized as infected with Newcastle disease or highly pathogenic avian influenza in which the dog and cat food is not manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure.

**2.2.2** To import dog and cat food from countries which are categorized as controlled or undetermined BSE risk by OIE, or with reported case(s) of BSE as recognized by the Council of Agriculture.

**2.3** “Relevant Data” as specified in Article 2.2 includes the following content:

**2.3.1** The questionnaire filled out by manufacturing plants and then submitted by the competent authority of the exporting country.

**2.3.2** The documents related to the dog and cat food safety management and supervision measures conducted by the competent authority of the exporting country, or relevant data of application of systematic reviews and audits.

**2.4** BAPHIQ may send inspectors to conduct on-site inspections of the exporting country for further review. BAPHIQ may send inspectors to conduct on-site re-inspection of the exporting country at regular intervals. If the exporting country does not accept the inspection or

non-compliance with this requirement has been found, the central competent authority of Taiwan may suspend the importation of the dog and cat food from the exporting country or from the designated establishments concerned.

**2.5** Any necessary expenses for the inspection and re-inspection shall be borne by the exporting country. And they must be in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

### **Article 3**

**3.1** To import dog and cat food manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure or to import dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from susceptible cloven-hoofed animals from countries (zones) recognized as free of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and African swine fever, or containing ingredients derived from poultry/avian from countries (zones) recognized as free of Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza, an original certificate issued by the quarantine competent authority of the exporting country shall accompany it. The certificate shall specify the following in detail in Chinese or English:

**3.1.1** Names and addresses of the importer and the exporter.

**3.1.2** Name and address of the manufacturing plant and complying with the requirement under Article 2.1 in form of explanation.

**3.1.3** Product name, quantity, weight and manufacturing date of the dog and cat food.

**3.1.4** Species of animal(s) from which the animal ingredients of the dog and cat food are derived from.

**3.1.5** Effective measures were taken to prevent the dog and cat food from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other animal infectious diseases in raw materials and throughout the manufacturing and packing process.

**3.1.6** Date and place the certificate was issued, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the certifying veterinary officer.

## **Article 4**

**4.1** With the exception of dog and cat food manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure, to import dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from susceptible cloven-hoofed animals from countries (zones) recognized as infected with foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia or African swine fever, or containing ingredients derived from poultry/avian from countries (zones) recognized as infected with Newcastle disease or highly pathogenic avian influenza, one of the following processing measures shall be implemented during the manufacturing process:

**4.1.1** Core temperature of the dog and cat food reaches 70 °C for 30 minutes or more, 80 °C for 9 minutes or more, or 100 °C for 1 minute or more.

**4.1.2** Other processing measures recognized by BAPHIQ as being equivalently effective in destroying pathogens.

**4.2** To import the abovementioned dog and cat food, an original certificate issued by the quarantine competent authority of the exporting country shall accompany it. The certificate shall specify the following in detail in Chinese or English:

**4.2.1** Names and addresses of the importer and the exporter.

**4.2.2** Name and address of the manufacturing plant and complying with the requirement under Article 2.1 in form of explanation.

**4.2.3** Product name, quantity, weight and manufacturing date of the dog and cat food.

**4.2.4** Species of animal(s) from which the animal ingredients of the dog and cat food are derived from.

**4.2.5** The dog and cat food has been processed during the manufacturing process, with the temperature and duration of time as specified in Article 4.1.

**4.2.6** Effective measures were taken to prevent the dog and cat food from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other animal infectious diseases in raw materials and throughout the manufacturing and packing process.

**4.2.7** Date and place the certificate was issued, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the certifying veterinary officer.

## **Article 5**

**5.1** Article 2, Article 3 and Article 4.2 are not applicable for dog and cat food manufactured with skin/hide derived from cloven-hoofed animals or poultry/avian which is de-haired, degreased, dried, cleaned and free of blood, containing no other animal ingredients derived from cloven-hoofed animals or poultry/avian, and intended for chewing(known as pet chew).

**5.2** To import the pet chew, an original certificate issued by the quarantine competent authority of the exporting country shall accompany it. The certificate shall specify the following in detail in Chinese or English:

**5.2.1** Names and addresses of the importer and the exporter.

**5.2.2** Name and address of the manufacturing plant.

**5.2.3** Product name, quantity, weight and manufacturing date of the pet chew.

**5.2.4** Clarification which complies with Article 5.1. The temperature and duration of time as specified in Article 4.1 is necessary when the exporting country is recognized as an infected area of the animal disease.

**5.2.5** Effective measures were taken to prevent the pet chew from being

contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other animal infectious diseases in raw materials and throughout manufacturing and packing process.

**5.2.6** Date and place the certificate was issued, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the certifying veterinary officer.