



BOVINAЕ¹ PET FOOD FACILITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST FOR CANADA

1. Name of facility being inspected / Approval Number (leave blank if new inspection)

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2. Address (physical location) of facility being inspected:

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3. Address of headquarters if different from above:

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4. If known, permit application reference number(s) or permit number for which this inspection is required and the assigned Staff Veterinarian:

Reference number/Permit Number²

Staff Veterinarian

_____.

5. Facility representative³ accompanying APHIS/VS VMO inspector:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

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6. ___ Yes ___ No Has the facility provided you a completed copy of the Facility Questionnaire and are all animal origin ingredients in the facility listed on the questionnaire? This information is required to complete the inspection.⁴

7. ___ Yes ___ No All ruminant materials received, stored, processed, or otherwise handled in the facility must be declared on the Facility Questionnaire. Was there any evidence that the facility receives, stores, processes, or otherwise handles any ruminant materials not included on the Facility Questionnaire? If yes, please include details below (if more space is needed, include attachment).

8. ___ Yes ___ No Are any of the bovine materials received, stored, processed, or otherwise handled in this facility **prohibited** for importation into Canada?⁵ If “yes”, please complete #9. If “no”, skip #9 and go to #10.

9. ___ Yes ___ No Are pet foods with bovine ingredients intended for export to Canada being produced on a dedicated line?⁶

10. When you selected finished products from several different lots:

a. ___ Yes ___ No. Was the facility able to show you records verifying the country of origin of **all** animal origin ingredients (except: dairy, hides, and protein free tallow⁷)⁸? If the answer is no, please include details below.

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b. ___ Yes ___ No. Were these records consistent with the information provided on the Facility Questionnaire? If the answer is no, please include details below.

11. ___ Yes ___ No. For any imported ruminant materials (excluding dairy, hides, and protein free tallow⁷)⁸ did the facility show you shipping invoices or other documentation to verify the material was imported from the country listed on the Facility Questionnaire? If the answer is no, please include details below.

12. (a) ___ Yes ___ No. Are all finished products packaged at the manufacturing facility? If no, then provide the name, address, and contact information of packager(s). Use continuation page if needed.

(b) ___ Yes ___ No. Are the products packaged and stored in a manner to prevent possible cross-contamination or commingling?

13. ___ Yes ___ No. Are the exported products heat processed? If the product is a raw diet, please complete question #14. If the product is subjected to processing other than heat, please explain (e.g., freeze drying, irradiation).

14. ___ Yes ___ No ___ N/A. [For raw diets only]. Are the meats and meat byproducts used in the raw diets obtained only from carcasses or parts of carcasses subjected to ante and post mortem inspection? Is only new, leak-proof packaging used? Explain any “no” answer and indicate if the diets will be shipped fresh or frozen.

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15. Comments and any additional explanations (if more space is needed include an attachment):

Signature of APHIS VS Veterinarian

Date

Printed name of APHIS VS Veterinarian

SEAL

Recommendation of CFIA Veterinarian reviewing permit application(s) noted in number 4 above:

Approve

Disapprove

Initials of Staff Veterinarian

Date



Explanations:

1. Bovinae includes cattle, bison, and buffalo (and exotics such as kudu).
2. Reference numbers are assigned to permit applications. If the reference number or the permit number (for renewals) is not known, this can be left blank.
3. The facility representative accompanying the APHIS/VS VMO inspector should be a responsible facility employee who is knowledgeable about the facility's processes and products.
4. The Facility Questionnaire can be endorsed at time of this inspection; however, it must be completed by the facility prior to the inspection.
5. Prohibited ruminant materials from Category 2 and 3 countries (i.e., controlled or undetermined BSE risk, respectively) are products or ingredients containing or prepared with any of the following specified risk materials: the skull, including the brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, spinal cord, dorsal root ganglia, and the vertebral column (excluding the vertebra of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebra, and the wings of the sacrum) from cattle aged 30 months or older; and the distal ileum of the small intestine (i.e., last 200 cm or 80 inches of the small intestine) and tonsils from cattle of all ages.

NOTE: If SRM free bovine meat-and-bone meal (MBM) from a Category 2 country (controlled risk) is to be included in products for export to Canada, the rendering facility must be dedicated (i.e., does not receive, store, or process any SRMs). Verification for SRM free ruminant MBM may require a special program, such as an Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) verification program.

6. Non-dedicated facilities must have a line totally dedicated to the production of pet food with allowable bovine ingredients (dairy, hides, protein free tallow, bovine ingredients from Category 1 countries, SRM-free bovine ingredients from Category 2 countries). A dedicated line requires measures to prevent cross contamination or commingling, including separation of eligible and ineligible materials from receipt of raw ingredients through load-out of finished products.
7. Protein free tallow is defined as tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight. Lot specific laboratory documentation is required.
8. Dairy, hides, and protein free tallow are considered low risk commodities by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).