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New Certification Requirements for Pet Food into Singapore

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Report Highlights:

The Singapore Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) notified FAS/Singapore of new certification requirements for the import of pet food into Singapore with effect from May 15th 2007. AVA notes the purpose of the new certification requirements is to enhance traceability and to introduce consistency in the health certificates from different supplier countries. Singapore imported a total of \$15.8 million of pet food in 2006 of which \$7.6 million worth was imported from the United States.

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The Singapore government notified the Agricultural Affairs Office of new certification requirements for the import of pet food into Singapore with effect from May 15th 2007. The additional requirements include the establishment number and full address, brand name, batch information including animal species information, type of food and packaging information.

AVA states that the purpose of the new certification requirements is to enhance traceability and to introduce consistency in the health certificates from different supplier countries.

The current and **additional (in bold)** certification requirements are:

1. Importer name, address and telephone contact
2. Manufacturer name and address
3. Manufacturing plant approved by veterinary administration of the exporting country and AVA
4. **Manufacturing plant number (if any) and full address of manufacturing plant**
5. Manufacturing process e.g. heat treatment at minimum 70 degrees C for 30 minutes
6. **Brand name**
7. **Batch information of the products (must include manufacturing date)**
8. **Clear description of product details, including species information (dog or cat), type of food (wet or dry), packaging information (pouch, can, bag)**
9. Certification of country freedom from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (for pet food containing beef or beef products)
10. Certification of country freedom from Foot and Mouth Disease and Rinderpest for the last six months prior to date of export (for pet food containing meat or meat products)
11. Certification that the end product was packed in the plant in new and sterilized packaging and precaution was taken to prevent contamination

Singapore imported a total of US\$15.8 million of pet food in 2006. The U.S. is the largest supplier with a total value of US\$7.6 million. Other significant suppliers include Thailand with US\$3.5 million and Australia with US\$2.9 million.

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