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Report Highlights:

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency recently revised requirements for heat-treated and raw/minimally heat-treated pet food imported from the United States.

As of April 13, 2021, The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is no longer issuing import permits for Raw/BARF/Minimally Processed Pet Food/Pet Treats. Import permits will continue to be required for other pet food produced in countries other than the United States.

Pet food imported as heat processed, shelf stable will now be defined as thermally processed and the shelf stable requirement is dropped. As of April 13, 2021, only the animal origin ingredients will be required to undergo temperature and time specific treatments. The animal origin ingredients may be thermally processed separately or as a whole in the pet food. If the time and temperature treatment requirements for the animal-origin ingredients are not met (outlined below), the pet food must abide by the import conditions for unprocessed (raw)/minimally heat-treated pet food. Additional information can be found on the USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) [Notice Regarding Pet Food Facility Import Permits](#).

The previous and current required temperature and time treatments by animal origin ingredient are:

- Egg ingredients: 134.6 °F (57 °C) for 27 minutes
- Poultry ingredients: 149 °F (65 °C) for 14 minutes or 165.2 °F (74 °C) for 5 minutes
- Cattle, swine, sheep, or goat ingredients: 158 °F (70 °C) for 30 minutes, 174.2 °F (79 °C) for 30 seconds, or 194 °F (90 °C) internal temperature

CFIA has announced that there will be an 8-week transition period, following the implementation date, under which pet food imports will be accepted under both the old and new import conditions to provide sufficient time for industry compliance. The transition period ends on June 8, 2021.

CFIA regulates pet food imports into Canada subject to the Health of Animals Regulations. Additional information on the requirements for importing pet food into Canada can be found on the CFIA [website](#) and [Automated Import Reference System](#) (AIRS).

Attachments:

No Attachments.