

Draft Amendment on Article 5 of the Regulations for Pet Food Vendor Registration

Article 5

Vendors importing pet food shall register (on the on-line registry system) the following information for each new product within 30 days after importation of the first consignment; except for pet food from five prefectures in Japan – Fukushima, Ibaraki, Gunma, Tochigi and Chiba – vendors shall register in paper form with the central competent authority for each consignment 10 days before importation.

1. Product name,
2. Net weight or volume,
3. Names of major materials and additives used,
4. Major nutritional ingredients and their level of contents,
5. Name, phone number, address and country of the final-step manufacturer or processor; if the country has a top-tier administrative jurisdiction like province, state, prefecture, the jurisdiction of origin shall be identified as well,
6. Storage conditions,
7. Intended pet types and feeding instructions,
8. Other information required by the central competent authority in Section 22-5.1.9 of the Animal Protection Act,
9. Photo of the external package,
10. For exceptions described above, vendors shall also submit the following information in paper form: name of the product, the obligatory applicant and the agent for this registration, quantity and net weight, prefecture of origin, foreign port of departure, export date at the country of origin, import date, port of arrival, discharge/storage location, scheduled sampling date and place, import declaration number, and phone numbers of emergency contact persons.