



**Republic of Panama
Panamanian Food Safety Authority**

National Directorate of Food Import Regulations

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PRESS RELEASE

**Sanitary and/or Phytosanitary measures for food imports
originating in the United States of America**

The Panamanian Food Safety Authority (AUPSA, by its acronym in Spanish), by legal mandate, has adopted, by means of Resolution No. 001 of February 22, 2007, the provisions in Resolutions No. 60 and No. 070-A, March 24 2006, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health respectively, by which Panama acknowledges the equivalence for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Systems and other related regulatory systems of the United States of America.

In compliance with the provisions contained in the said resolutions, food imports originating in the United States of America must be accompanied by any of the following SPS certifications, depending on the type of food:

- 1. Export Certificate of Wholesomeness issued by the Federal Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture or any other applicable export license issued by the U.S. competent authority. The food safety certificate for pets food export should include additional statements established in compliance with the SPS agreements.**
- 2. Certificate of Free Sale issued within the last 12 months by the competent state authority, federal or other authority of the United States.**
- 3. Affidavit from supplier (1) on supplier/manufacturer letterhead, attesting food is fit for consumption in the United States.**

1 Applicable for foods manufactured in the United States for international sale

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Furthermore, each shipment must come accompanied by the following documentation:

1. Copy of the food import notification form, provided by the Panamanian Food Safety Authority
2. Copy of the product's commercial invoice
3. Pre-customs declaration

For your information, an updated list of establishments authorized by the Department of Agriculture Federal Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States of America can be accessed directly through the following site:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/MPI_Directory_Est_Number.pdf

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