Sanitary Transportation Rule for Rendering and Inedible Items that go to Pet Food

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North America

Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation (CMS) is in compliance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation, 21 CFR, Subpart O-Sanitary Transportation of Human and Animal Food. This letter covers all ingredients that go to pet food including rendering and inedible materials that are produced in FDA facilities. Please note that inedible materials produced in the USDA establishments which can be used as pet food ingredients (offal, variety meats, and turkey raw materials) are exempt from this letter. CFR 21 Sec. 1.900 states “b) The requirements of this subpart do not apply to shippers, receivers, loaders, or carriers when they are engaged in transportation operations: 3) Of food when it is located in food facilities as defined in § 1.227 of this chapter, that are regulated exclusively, throughout the entire facility, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.), or the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.)”. See: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-I/subchapter-A/part-1/subpart-O.

CMS transportation procedures for rendering items intended for pet food applications include:

1. CMS has a “Sanitary Transportation Policy” which contains lists of the permitted and prohibited substances and products prior to loading a CMS-load.

2. Transportation equipment (hopper, tanker, etc.) is inspected for cleanliness prior to loading and the inspection is documented.

3. Previous BOL is reviewed prior to loading and the inspection is documented. If transportation equipment has hauled product from a different company than CMS, wash tickets must be presented to CMS personnel prior to loading.

4. Dedicated transportation equipment (carrying CMS’s same or similar items, not dedicated to a customer, nor dedicated to a facility) are exempt of presenting a wash ticket.

5. If dedicated transportation equipment does not pass the visual inspection, plant personnel rejects the transportation, then transportation must be cleaned/washed.

6. For non-dedicated transportation equipment, a wash ticket must be presented to CMS personnel prior to loading with the following exceptions:
✓ For solids: (MBM, gel bone, blood meal): A wash ticket is NOT required if: 1) A previous haul of the same CMS food or feed ingredient, 2) a previous haul of any whole grain, or 3) A previous haul of plant based processed ingredients (like soybean meal, midds)

✓ For liquids (inedible and technical tallow) a wash ticket is NOT required if the last product hauled was beef tallow from Cargill beef plants (equal grade or superior is required).

✓ For inedible fresh/frozen materials a wash ticket is not needed if the vehicle carried the same inedible material (or edible) and has passed visual inspection.

7. Transportation equipment and hoses are washed on an as needed basis.

8. If customer requires, Cargill can provide a copy of the pre-load inspection form for every shipment.

9. The establishments covered by letter are:
   a. Friona, TX; located at 1530 US Highway 60.
   b. Dodge City, KS; located at 3201 E. Trail Street.
   c. Schuyler, NE; locate at 490 Road 9.
   d. Fort Morgan, CO; located at 1505 E. Burlington Ave.
   e. Wyalusing, PA; located at 1252 Route 706.
   f. High River, AB; located at 472 Ave & Highway 2A North.

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