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**(Provisional Translation)**

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Ministerial Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment No. 1

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Ministerial Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment No. 3

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Ministerial Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment No. 3

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Ministerial Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment No. 2

According to the regulations stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Law for Ensuring the Safety of Pet Food (Law No.83 of 2008), the Ministerial Ordinance regarding specifications for constituents of pet foods and other related standards shall be specified as follow:

**Ministerial Ordinance on Specifications and Standards of Pet Food**

The specifications for the constituents of pet foods and standards for the methods of manufacturing and labeling of pet foods that are regulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Law for Ensuring the Safety of Pet Food (hereafter “the Law) shall be pursuant to the provisions stipulated in the appendix.

Supplementary Provision:

(Date of enforcement)

Article 1 This Ministerial Ordinance shall be enforced from June 1, 2009.

(Interim measures)

## Article 2

2-1 For the actions that are stipulated in Items 1, 2 and 4 of Article 6 of the Law and are related with the pet food that will have been produced before December 1, 2009, the regulations of Article 6 shall not be applied.

2-2 For the actions that are stipulated in Item 3 of Article 6 of the Law and are related with the pet food that will have been produced before December 1, 2010, the regulations of Article 6 shall not be applied.

2-3 In case that manufacturers, importers or sellers sell or store for selling the pet foods that fall under Items 2 and 4 of Article 6 of the Law and will have been produced before December 1, 2009, Article 8 (limited to the Item 1 only) of the Law shall not be applied.

2-4 In case that manufacturers, importers or sellers sell or store for selling the pet foods that fall under Item 3 of Article 6 of the Law and will have been produced before December 1, 2010, Article 8 (limited to the Item 1 only) of the Law shall not be applied.

### Supplementary Provisions:

(Ministerial Ordinance No. 3: Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment of September 1, 2011)

This Ministerial Ordinance shall be enforced from March 1, 2012

(Ministerial Ordinance No. 3: Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment of August 20, 2014)

This Ministerial Ordinance shall be enforced from February 20, 2015 (6 months after its official publication)

(Ministerial Ordinance No. 2: Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and Fisheries/Ministry of the Environment of April 1, 2021)

This Ministerial Ordinance shall be enforced from October 1, 2021 (6 months after its official publication)

## Appendix

### 1 Specifications for Constituents of Pet Food (for selling purpose)

(1) The components of the additives (substances that are used by being added, mixed or infiltrated into pet food or by other methods in the process of producing pet food or for

the purpose of processing or preserving pet food) listed in the following Table 1 shall be equal or less than each standard value in the following Table 2 in the pet foods intended for selling purpose. (The pet food intended for selling purpose (means “for selling purpose” stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Law) that are manufactured by manufacturers in their business premises and also intended to be consumed on site shall be exempted from the regulation.)

Additive Components (Table 1)	Standard Values (Table 2)
Sodium nitrite	100 g/t
Ethoxyquin	75 g/t(For Dog)
Ethoxyquin, Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) and Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA)	150 g/t

(2) The components of pesticide residues (any substances resulting from the use of the farm chemicals) listed in the following Table 1 (including any substances that are chemically transformed from the listed components) shall be equal or less than each standard value in the following Table 2 in the pet foods intended for selling purpose.

Farm Chemical Components (Table 1)	Standard Values (Table 2)
Glyphosate	15 µg/g
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	10 µg/g
Pirimifos-methyl	2 µg/g
Malathion	10 µg/g
Methamidophos	0.2 µg/g

(3) The components of the contaminants (any substances that are existed in the environment and not intentionally added to pet food) and other substances that may harm health of pet listed in the following Table 1 shall be equal or less than each standard value in the following Table 2 in the pet foods intended for selling purpose.

Contaminant Components (Table 1)	Standard Values (Table 2)
Aflatoxin B1	0.02 µg/g

Deoxynivalenol	2 µg/g (For Dog) 1 µg/g (For Cat)
Cadmium	1 µg/g
Lead	3 µg/g
Inorganic Arsenic	2 µg/g
BHC (sum of $\alpha$ -BHC, $\beta$ -BHC, $\gamma$ -BHC and $\delta$ -BHC)	0.01 µg/g
DDT (sum of DDD, DDE and DDT)	0.1 µg/g
Aldrin and Dieldrin	0.01 µg/g
Endrin	0.01 µg/g
Heptachlor and Heptachlor epoxide	0.01 µg/g
Melamine	2.5 µg/g

(4) For calculating contents of components specified in (1) ~ (3) above, if moisture content of the relevant pet food (intended for selling purpose) exceeds 10%, the amount over 10% shall be subtracted from the amount of pet food. On the other hand, if moisture content of the relevant pet food falls below 10%, the amount under-short of 10% shall be added to the amount of pet food.

## 2 Standard for Methods of Manufacturing of Pet Food

- (1) Ingredients that are contained harmful substances, contaminated with microbe or suspected for any of those shall not be used.
- (2) In case of applying heat to or drying pet food, process shall be sufficiently effective to eliminate any microorganisms that are present in the pet food originated in its raw materials or are possibly developed within.
- (3) Propylene glycol shall not be used for manufacturing pet food for cats.

## 3 Standard for Labeling of Pet Food

The following items shall be labeled on pet foods that are intended for selling purpose:

- (a) Name of pet food
- (b) Ingredients list
- (c) Best-before (This shall mean that the date expressing the time period when it is recognized to maintaining all expected quality of the product. However, there shall be some cases that those qualities have been maintained beyond the relevant use-by date.)

(d) Name and address of manufacturer, importer or seller

(e) Country of origin