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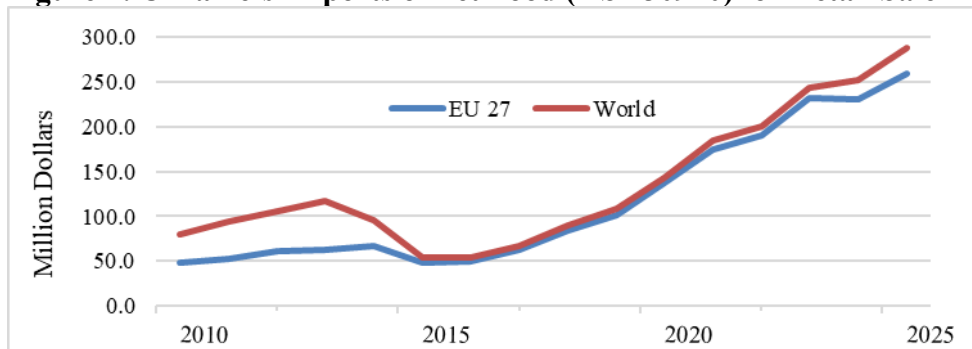
Report Highlights:

On February 27, 2026, Ukraine’s State Service for Food Safety and Consumer Protection and USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service negotiated important changes to the Veterinary Certificate for Pet Food Exported into Ukraine from the United States of America. The earlier version of the certificate was negotiated in 2018 and included excessive testing requirements, resulting in a nearly 75 percent drop in export volume from 2019 to 2025. A more liberal trade regime will return U.S. products to the market and provide a level playing field with other suppliers.

The U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Ukraine’s State Service for Food Safety and Consumer Protection (SSUFSCP) came to an agreement on Pet Food Exported into Ukraine from the United States of America. FAS/Kyiv facilitated negotiations and worked closely with Ukrainian importers and U.S. exporters. The SSUFSCP officially published the [certificate](#) on their website in early March. Export testing requirements were simplified to align with common trade rules, including those used in the EU. The exporter will now conduct two inexpensive tests (salmonella and Enterobacteriaceae) to ensure product safety.

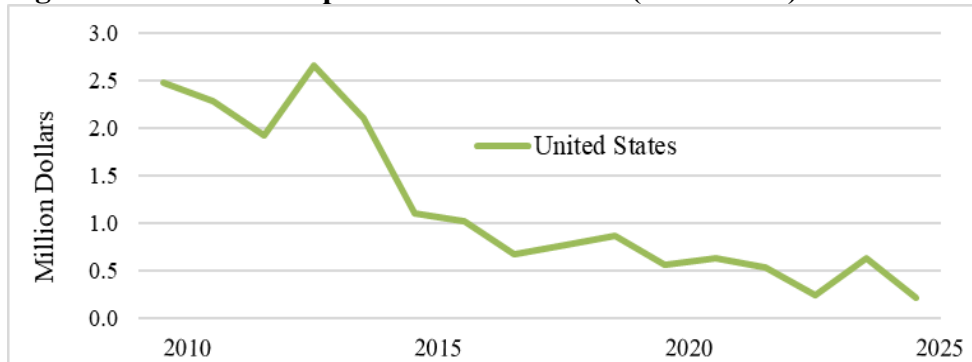
The original certificate was negotiated in 2018, replacing an earlier version negotiated in 2006, and contained extensive testing requirements. According to importers, testing costs often approached \$10,000 per container, making exports of pet food to Ukraine prohibitively expensive. Such a significant technical barrier to trade led to a slow decline in U.S. exports and to the dominance of other country suppliers in the Ukrainian market (Figures 1 and 2). U.S. exporters also incurred losses due to forgone market growth opportunities, as the Ukrainian pet food market grew sixfold in the last 10 years.

Figure 1: Ukraine’s Imports of Pet Food (HS 230910) for Retail Sale



Source: Trade Data Monitor

Figure 2: Ukraine’s Imports of U.S. Pet Food (HS 230910) for Retail Sale



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Attachments:

No Attachments.