

Regulation PFXX Handling and Storage Instructions:

- a) Non-heat-treated pet food products shall have a section titled “Handling and Storage Instructions” (as stipulated in PFXX(d)) that contains the following statements: “To prevent illness from bacteria: Keep this product separate from human foods. Wash hands, working and feeding surfaces, utensils (including cutting boards, preparation and feeding utensils), and any other items that contact this product with hot soapy water. Keep this product out of the reach of children.” Additional handling and storage instruction text as determined by the manufacturer and graphics as stipulated in PFXX(c) may be used.
- b) Pet food products manufactured using a validated process such as extrusion, baking, retorting, pasteurization, or cooking may have a section and, if present, shall be titled “Handling and Storage Instructions” (as stipulated in PFXX(d)) with language determined by the manufacturer.
- c) The following graphics (and only the following graphics) may be included, as stipulated in PFXX(d), with the handling and storage instructions section, as applicable. The graphics with accompanying text shall be obtained from the AAFCO website.



- d) The handling and storage instructions header shall be bolded, separating the handling and storage instructions from other directions for use. The header, storage instructions and other directions for use shall be displayed in a conspicuous manner so to render them likely to be read under conditions of use, with a minimum size as shown in the following table:

Panel Size	Minimum Statement Type Size	Minimum Graphic Size
<40 ²	1/16 in.	½ in.
>40 in. ² - </=100 in. ²	3/16 in.	1 in.
>100 in. ² - </=400 in. ²	1/4 in.	1.75 in.
>400 in. ²	1/2 in.	2.0 in.