

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT¹ OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS INTO INDIA

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Veterinary Health certificate No: Date:	2. Competent Authority 2.1 Ministry: 2.2 Department: 2.3 Contact Details and Email:				
3. Invoice No. and Date:	4. Quantity:				
5. Consignor / exporter Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:					
6. Consignee /importer: Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:					
7. Country of origin:			ISO Code:		
8. Place of loading:					
9. Country of Destination:			ISO Code:		
10. Declared Port of Entry ²					
11. Mode of Transport:					
12. Identification of the product as described below: (multiple lines may be used for multiple products)					
a)	Description of the food along with HS code:			Intended purpose:	
b)	Name and address of Manufacturer / Establishment			Approval number/s of establishment /s (Number /Date / Validity) along with Name and address of the Registration / Accreditation Authority	
c)	Name of the product	Lot no. / Batch no.	Type of packaging	Number of packages	Net Weight
d)	Date of Manufacture or Packaging		Best before (if applicable)		Date of Expiry

¹ Import of livestock products into India is subjected to fulfillment of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 and the rules / regulations thereunder as notified time to time.

² Port of Entry as notified by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India considering applicability of Sanitary Import Permit (SIP) or not, as the case may be.

II. CERTIFICATION*

The undersigned Official Veterinarian certifies that the product(s) described above satisfies the following requirement:

1. General Conditions:

- a) The source animals have never been fed with feeds produced from meat or bone meal including internal organs, blood meal and tissues of ruminant origin and porcine origin materials except milk and milk products.
- b) The milk product has not been manufactured using animal rennet.

2. Sanitary Conditions:

- a) The milk has been processed (including destruction of FMDV³) to make it fit for human consumption as recommended by World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH).
- b) The milk has been processed to a temperature, which ensures destruction of organisms causing Tuberculosis, Listeriosis, Para tuberculosis, Q fever and Brucellosis.
- c) The animals from which the milk has been derived were not exposed to Bovine Growth Hormones (BGH) / Bovine Somatotropin Hormones (BST).
- d) The Source animals were not subjected to estrogenic treatment in last 90 days.
- e) Milk / milk products do not contain preformed Bacterial toxins such as those produced by Bacteria belonging to *Staph. aureus*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Clost. perfringes* and *Clost. botulinum*.

3. Food Safety Conditions⁴:

The attestation from authorized official is annexed.

Official stamp:

Signature_____

Official Veterinarian	
Name:	Designation:
Address and Email:	
Date:	

³As recommended under the Article 8.8.25 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code by WOAH, wherever applicable.

⁴As notified by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

*This certificate is valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

***3. Attestation for Food Safety conditions**:**

The undersigned Official Veterinarian or Authorised Official certifies that the product(s) described above satisfies the following requirement:

- a) Were manufactured at (an) establishment (s) that has / have been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the Competent Authority in the exporting country.
- b) Does not contain drug/ antibiotics / mycotoxins / pesticides/ heavy metal residues etc., above the limits prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011.
- c) Conforms to the microbiological requirements specified in Appendix 'B' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.
- d) Complies with the standards of Milk and Milk products as specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.
- e) Contains only those food additives as specified in Appendix 'A' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 within the limits specified.
- f) Prepared, packed, held and transported prior to export under good hygienic conditions and an effective food safety control system, implemented within the context of HACCP systems where appropriate and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 4, as applicable, of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 (India) and such other guidelines as specified from time to time under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- g) Regular inspection/ monitoring of checks in according with FSS Act, 2006, rules and regulations made thereunder and as per the criteria specified by FSSAI.
- h) Conditions for transport / storage: Frozen / Chilled / Ambient / _____.
- i) Temperature required during storage and transportation:_____.

Official stamp:

Signature _____

Official Veterinarian or Authorised Official	
Name:	Designation:
Address and Email:	
Date:	

 ** Where it is not applicable, strikethrough the requirement.

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Post Import Requirements:

1. On arrival in India, the consignment and the documents shall be examined by the Regional Officer/ Quarantine Officer, Animal Quarantine and Certification Services and / or Authorized Officer designated by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
2. Samples may be taken from the milk / milk products for examination, if applicable.
3. In case the documents do not conform to the requirements and the product is not as per protocol, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India and / or Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, respectively, will take appropriate action at the cost of importing agency.
