

File No. L-110102(1)/1/2018-Trade (E-7526)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 10 August, 2020.

**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: - Applicability of official "Veterinary Health Certificate for import of Milk and Milk Products into India" for import of dairy products included under different chapters in Indian import policy- reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's circular of even number dated 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 on the subject cite above **(copy enclosed)**.

2. The matter has been reviewed in consultation with concerned Ministries / stakeholders and it is once again clarified that the **Indian Veterinary Certificate** for Import of Milk and Milk Products into India as issued vide this Department's O.M. No. L-110109(4)/15/2019-Trade (E-14537), dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, is applicable for import of milk and milk products into India as included under different chapters for human consumption as food in Indian import policy (whether SIP is applicable or not).

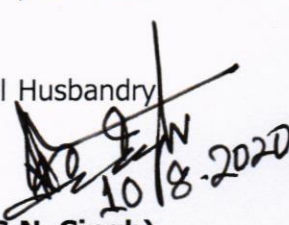
3. However, the import of non-food lactose (under Chapter 17) or non-food whey products concentrates (under Chapter 35), will be permitted with self declaration by importers that the said import into country is for use in non-food lactose (under Chapter 17) or non-food whey products concentrates (under Chapter 35) only. For that purpose, the concerned Department will create a provision / window on Custom's Ice Gate wherein importers could self declare. Accordingly, the Custom will not refer such Bill of Entries to the concerned Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) i.e. FSSAI and / or AQCS.

4. Further, the import of lactose (under Chapter 17) or whey products concentrates (under Chapter 35), to be used as dairy products (food items) for human consumption will be permitted subject to fulfilment of the requirements of above **Indian Veterinary Certificate** and Custom will refer such Bill of Entries to the concerned Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) i.e. FSSAI and / or AQCS, accordingly.

5. The matter will be re-examined in due course of time after receipt of recommendation of Technical Committee **(copy enclosed)** constituted in this regard to assess that whether non-food purpose lactose (HS 17) and non-food whey concentrate products (HS 35), imported into the country with importer self declaration, having end use as nutraceuticals or pharmaceutical purpose, or direct human consumption.

6. This has the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

**Enclosures: As above.**

  
(G.N. Singh)

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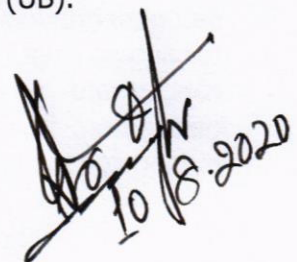
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8. All AQCSs to disseminate the information with all stakeholders including importers through facilitation channels.
9. NIC, DAHD with a request to upload on the SIP Portal, Department and AQCS's website.

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Considering the Indian religio-cultural concerns and necessary to protect public morals, a detailed deliberation is required that whether dual purpose article like lactose (HS 17) or whey products concentrates (HS 35), which are being imported into the country, needs re-consideration based on its end use.

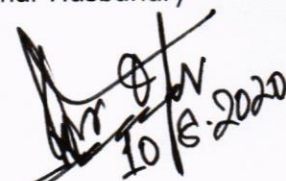
2. In this regard, a Technical Committee has been constituted in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying with the following composition:

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| i.   | Animal Husbandry Commissioner, DAHD                        | -Chairman         |
| ii.  | Chief Executive Officer, FSSAI or his/her representative   | -Member           |
| iii. | Drug Controller General of India or his/her representative | -Member           |
| iv.  | Joint Secretary, Cattle & Dairy Division, DAHD             | -Member           |
| v.   | Joint Secretary, Trade, DAHD                               | -Member Secretary |

3. The Term of References (ToRs) of above Committee are as given under:

- To assess that whether non-food article like lactose (HS 17) or whey products concentrates (HS 35), to be imported into the country based on importer self declaration, are being used as food for human consumption or non-food purpose i.e. pharmaceutical or nutraceuticals.
- To assess the facts, if lactose (HS 17) or whey products concentrates (HS 35) imported for human consumption as dairy products by mis-declaring as non-food purpose (pharmaceutical or nutraceuticals).
- To give any other related facts and findings which may come into notice during the deliberations.

4. This has the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.



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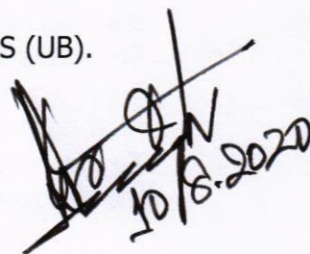
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Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: - Applicability of official "Veterinary Health Certificate for import of Milk and Milk Products into India" for import of dairy products included under different chapters in Indian import policy- reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department O.M. No. L-110109(4)/15/2019-Trade (E-14537), dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 vide which the Veterinary Certificate for Import of Milk and Milk Products into India was issued in conformity with domestic regulations as stated in the FSSAI Regulations, 2011 (**copy enclosed**) .

2. It is clarified that the above certificate is applicable for import of milk and milk products into India included under different chapters for human consumption in Indian import policy (whether SIP is applicable or not).
3. However, some importers have imported consignments of milk products into India without fulfilment of above stated Veterinary Health Certificate due to gap in communication in fulfilling these mandatory requirements.
4. Considering unique and extraordinary situations in industry due to COVID-19 pandemic, confusion among stakeholders w.r.t. applicability of veterinary health protocols as import requirements of milk & milk products and to minimize financial losses so as to facilitate Ease of Doing Business, this Department has no objection for granting AQCS clearance for such consignments as one time relaxation measure for milk products brought under chapter 35 and 17 which are having date of lading as 30.04.2020 or before from exporting country subject to fulfilment of sanitary and hygienic certification. This clarificatory circular will not be considered and quoted as a precedent in future.
5. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

**Enclosure: As above.**

  
08-07-2020  
**(Dr. Gagan Garg)**  
Assistant Commissioner (Trade)

**Distribution:**

- All Animal Quarantine and Certification Services. It is also requested to widely publicise among all stakeholders / importers that their consignments in future will only be considered for AQCS clearance subject to fulfilment of Veterinary Health Certificate as enclosed.

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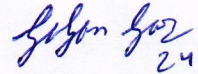
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Revised Veterinary Certificate for Import of Milk and Milk Products into India- regarding.**

The Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare states use of non-animal rennet type enzymes for making variety of dairy products.

2. To bring the Veterinary Certificate for Import of Milk and Milk Products into India in conformity with domestic regulations as stated in the FSSAI Regulations, 2011, the necessary amendment has been made in the Veterinary Certificate.
3. A copy of said Veterinary Certificate is enclosed herewith for kind information and further necessary actions, if any.
4. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

**Enclosures: As above.**

  
24-12-19

**(Dr. Gagan Garg)**  
Assistant Commissioner (Trade)  
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**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS INTO INDIA**

**I. GERNAL INFORMATION FOR IMPORTATION**

1. Consignor (name and address in full)	2. Health certificate No: _____ Date: _____
3. Consignee (name and address in full)	4. Country of origin
5. Competent Authority 5.1 Ministry: 5.2 Department	6. Place of loading:
7. Identification of the product: Type of Product : Details of product : Number of packages : Identification marks : Quantity :	8. Name and Address of the Registration/Accreditation authority
9. Mode of Transport :	10. Destination (name and address in full) :

**II. General Conditions:**

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

**III. Sanitary information**

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the product described above satisfies the following requirement:-

1. The milk has been processed to make it fit for human consumption.
2. The milk had been processed to a temperature, which ensures destruction of organisms causing Tuberculosis, Listeriosis, Para tuberculosis, Q fever and Brucellosis.
3. The animals from which the milk has been derived were not exposed to Bovine Growth Hormones (BGH)/ Bovine Somatotropin Hormones (BST).
4. The Source animals were not subjected to estrogenic treatment in last 90 days.



5. The milk does not contain drug/ pesticides/ heavy metal residues above the limits prescribed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
6. 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 and the level of mycotoxins should not be above the limits prescribed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Official stamp:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and address of Veterinarian

Issued at \_\_\_\_\_ on

**POST IMPORT REQUIREMENTS:**

1. On arrival in India, the consignment and the documents shall be examined by the Regional Officer/ Quarantine Officer.
2. Samples shall be taken from the milk / milk products for examination.
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, Government of India will take appropriate action at the cost of importing agency.

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Dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.