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Subject : Requirement of Veterinary Certificate for import of Milk, Milk Products and Edible Lactose into India- regarding

Attention of the importers, Custom Brokers, members of the trade and all other stakeholders is invited to Food Safety and Standards (Food Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.

2. Food Safety and Standards (Food Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 provides that “Meat producing animals except poultry shall not be fed with feed containing meat or bone meal including internal organs, blood meal and tissues of bovine or porcine origin materials except milk and milk products”. Further, the use of animal origin rennet is also not permitted in dairy products imported into India under the said provisions.

3. To ensure compliance of imported dairy products to Food Safety and Standards (Food Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, it has been mandated that consignments of dairy products imported into India shall be accompanied with veterinary certificate issued by the Competent Authority of exporting country as per prescribed format (Annexure-A). The above requirement is also applicable for import of edible lactose (IIS Code: 17021110).

4. In view of the above, no import of dairy products and edible lactose shall be allowed if the same is not accompanied with the veterinary certificate issued by the competent authority of exporting country in the prescribed format (Annexure-A).

5. In case of non compliance, the importer shall be liable for penal action under relevant provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.

6. All trade associations/members of Customs Brokers Association are requested to take note and publicize the contents of this Public Notice among their members/constituents.

7. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical), ACC Import, New Customs House, New Delhi.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import).

Source: CBIC’s Instruction No. 6/2020-Customs
Encl.: Annexure-A

(Nagendra Yadav)
Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
ACC (Import)
Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (DZ), NCH, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
3. The Additional/Joint Commissioner, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
4. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Import Shed), ACC (Import), New Delhi.
5. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner Group (I&II), (III,IV&VI), V, VA, VB, SIIB, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
6. The Deputy Commissioner (EDI), ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi for uploading the above Public Notice on the Official Website.
7. Shri S. Ramakrishna, President, Delhi Customs Brokers Association, 260-61, Anarkali Bazar, Jhandewalan Extension, DDA Shopping Complex, New Delhi-110055.
8. Delhi International Airport Ltd, IGI Airport, Cargo Terminal, New Delhi.

Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
ACC (Import)

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VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF MILK, MILK PRODUCTS AND EDIBLE LACTOSE INTO INDIA

1. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR IMPORTATION

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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 requirements:

1. The milk has been processed to make it fit for human consumption.
2. The milk has 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 estrogentic 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 performed bacterial toxins such as those produced by bacteria belonging to Staph; Aureus, Bacillus cereus, Clostridium, Perfringes and Clot. 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.