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

Attention of all the officers and concerned staff posted in Air Cargo Complex (Import) Commissionerate is invited to the Board’s Instructions No. 06/2020-Customs dated 20.05.2020 with regard to requirement of Veterinary Certificate for import of Milk, Milk Products and Edible Lactose into India.

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 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 as per 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 the officers and staff posted in ACC (Import) Commissionerate are requested to take note of this standing order.
7. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the 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).

Encl.: Annexure-A

(Nagendra Yadav)
Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
ACC (Import)

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(Nagendra Yadav)
Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
ACC (Import)
ANNEXURE-A

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 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 performed 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.