# Aged Cheeses Made from Raw Milk

Cheeses made from raw milk must have undergone a maturation period of at least 60 days prior to export to Belgium.

[The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) endorses both the animal health and public health parts of the EU Certificates for dairy products for import for human consumption for all countries except Belgium.]

**Special requirements for shipments to Belgium:**

Both AMS and VS endorsement is required for certificates for shipments of dairy products (intended for human consumption) to Belgium. When exporting to Belgium, the exporter should first take the certificate to AMS for endorsement, and then take the certificate to Veterinary Services (VS) for endorsement. The certificate is not transferred to VS Security Paper. VS countersigns and dates the certificate below the AMS signature, and makes a photocopy of the final version for VS records. Standard user fees apply for the VS countersignature. **VS may only endorse the certificate after AMS endorsement.**

*Model Milk-RMP*

# Health Certificate for dairy products derived from raw milk for human consumption from third countries or parts thereof authorised in column A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 intended for importation into the European Union

**COUNTRY:**

**Veterinary certificate to EU**

**Part I : Details of dispatched consignment**

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| I.1. Consignor<br>Name<br>Address<br><br>Tel. | I.2. Certificate reference No<br>I.2.a.<br>I.3. Central competent authority<br>I.4. Local competent authority |
| I.5. Consignee<br>Name<br>Address<br><br>Postcode<br>Tel. | I.6. |
| I.7. Country of origin ISO code<br>I.8. Region of origin Code | I.9. Country of destination ISO code<br>I.10. |
| I.11. Place of origin<br><br>Name Approval number<br>Address | I.12. |
| I.13. Place of loading | I.14. Date of departure |
| I.15. Means of transport<br><br>Aeroplane ☐ Ship ☐ Railway wagon ☐<br>Road vehicle ☐ Other ☐<br>Identification<br>Documentation references | I.16. Entry BIP in EU<br>I.17. |
| I.18. Description of commodity | I.19. Commodity code (HS code)<br>I.20. Quantity |
| I.21. Temperature of product<br>Ambient ☐ Chilled ☐ Frozen ☐ | I.22. Number of packages |
| I.23. Seal/Container No | I.24. Type of packaging |
| I.25. Commodities certified for:<br><br>Human consumption ☐ | |
| I.26. | I.27. For import or admission into EU ☐ |

I.28. Identification of the commodities

| Manufacturing plant | Number of packages | Species (Scientific name)<br>Net weight | Batch number |
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| II. Health information | II.a. Certificate reference number | II.b. |
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**Part II: Certification**

**II.1. Animal Health Attestation**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, declare that I am aware of the relevant provisions of Directive 2002/99/EC and of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and hereby certify that the dairy products described above has been manufactured from raw milk obtained from animals:

(a) under the control of the official veterinary service,

(b) which were in a country or part thereof that has been free of foot-and-mouth disease and of rinderpest for a period of at least 12 months prior to the date of this certificate, and where vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has not been carried out during that period,

(c) belonging to holdings which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest, and,

(d) subject to regular veterinary inspections to ensure that they satisfy the animal health conditions laid down in Chapter I of Section IX of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and in Directive 2002/99/EC;

**II.2. Public Health attestation**

I, the undersigned official inspector, declare that I am aware of the relevant provisions of Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004 and hereby certify that the dairy product made with raw milk described above was produced in accordance with those provisions, in particular that:

(a) it was manufactured from raw milk:

(i) which comes from holdings registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and checked in accordance with Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004,

(ii) which was produced, collected, cooled, stored and transported in accordance with the hygiene conditions laid down in Chapter I of Section IX of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004,

(iii) which meets the plate and somatic cell count criteria laid down in Chapter I of Section IX of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004,

(iv) which complies with the guarantees on the residues status of raw milk provided by the monitoring plans for the detection of residues or substances submitted in accordance with Council Directive 96/23/EC, and in particular, Article 29 thereof,

(v) which, pursuant to testing for residues of antibacterial drugs carried out by the food business operator in accordance with the requirements of Annex III, Section IX, Chapter I, Part III, point 4 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, it complies with the maximum residue limits for residues of antibacterial veterinary medicinal products laid down in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010;

(vi) which has been produced under conditions guaranteeing compliance with the maximum residue levels for pesticides laid down in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005, and maximum levels for contaminants laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006.

(b) it comes from an establishment implementing a programme based on the HACCP principles in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004,

(c) it has been obtained from raw milk that has not undergone any heat treatment or any physical or chemical treatment during the manufacturing process,

(d) it has been wrapped, packaged and labeled in accordance with Chapters III and IV of Section IX of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004,

(e) it meets the relevant microbiological criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs, and

(f) the guarantees covering live animals and products thereof provided by the residue plans

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submitted in accordance with Directive 96/23/EC, and in particular Article 29 thereof, are fulfilled.

**Notes**

This certificate is intended for dairy products derived from raw milk for human consumption, from third countries or parts thereof authorised in column A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 intended for importation into the European Union.

**Part I:**

- Box reference I.7: Provide name and ISO code of the country or part thereof as appearing in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 605/2010.
- Box reference I.11: Name, address and approval number of the establishment of dispatch.
- Box reference I.15: Registration number (railway wagons or container and road vehicles), flight number (aircraft) or name (ship). In the case of transport in containers, the total number of containers and their registration number and where there is a serial number of the seal it must be indicated in box I.23. In the case of unloading and reloading, the consignor must inform the border inspection post of introduction into the European Union.
- Box reference I.19: Use the appropriate Harmonised System (HS) code under the following headings: 04.01; 04.02; 04.03; 04.04; 04.05; 04.06; 17.02; 21.05; 22.02; 35.01; 35.02 or 35.04.
- Box reference I.20: Indicate total gross weight and total net weight.
- Box reference I.23: For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.
- Box reference I.28: Manufacturing plant: introduce the approval number of the production holding(s), collection centre or standardization centre approved for exportation to the European Union.

**Part II:**

- The colour of the signature shall be different to that of the printing. The same rule applies to stamps other than those embossed or watermark.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters): Qualification and title:

Date: Signature:

Stamp: