

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 the EU.

With the exception of certificates for shipments destined to Belgium, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, the Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) endorses both the animal health and public health parts of the EU Certificates for dairy products for human consumption.

Veterinary Services (VS) does not endorse certificates for dairy products exported to other EU Member States for human consumption. (Exception: Shipments only transiting the EU. For information on transit certificates, please go back to the previous page on your browser and select the pertinent link.)

Even though they are not members of the EU, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland also require the same certification for dairy products for human consumption. AMS endorses both sections of the below certificate for certificates for shipment to these countries.

Special requirements for shipments to the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Ireland:

Both AMS and VS endorsement is required for certificates for shipments of dairy products (intended for human consumption) to the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Ireland. When exporting to these EU Countries, the exporter should first take the certificate to AMS for endorsement of the public health section, and then take the certificate to Veterinary Services (VS) for endorsement of the animal health section of the certificate. The certificate is not transferred to VS Security Paper. VS countersigns the certificate endorsed by AMS, 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 has endorsed the public health portion.**

1. Consignor (name and address in full) _____ _____ _____ _____	HEALTH CERTIFICATE for raw milk products for human consumption from third countries or parts of third countries authorized in Column A of Annex I to Commission Decision 2004/438/EC intended for consignment to the European Community No SAMPLE ORIGINAL
2. Consignee (name and address in full) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	3. Origin of the raw milk products 3.1 ISO code and name of Country: US United States of America 3.2 Code of territory: _____ 3.3 Name and official approval or registration number of Standardization centre approved for exportation to the Community: _____, _____
5. Intended destination of the milk and milk-based products 5.1 EU Member State: _____ 5.2 Place of destination: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	4. Competent Authority 4.1 Ministry: United States Department of Agriculture 4.2 Service: Agricultural Marketing Service _____ 4.3 Local/Regional level: _____ _____ 6. Place of loading for exportation _____ _____
7. Means of transport and consignment identification 7.1 Ship 7.2 Registration number(s), ship name or flight number: _____ _____	7.3 Consignment identification details: _____ _____ _____
8. Identification of the milk and milk-based products 8.1 Raw Milk From: Cow _____ (animal species) 8.2 Code Number (as appropriate): _____ 8.3 Packaging: _____ 8.4 Number of packaging units: _____ 8.5 Net weight: _____	
9. Animal Health Attestation I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify: 9.1 that the raw milk product 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 region that has been free of foot-and-mouth disease and of rinderpest for at least 12 months, and where vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has not been carried out for at least 12 months, (c) belonging to holdings which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest, and, (d) subject to regular veterinary inspectors inspections to ensure that they satisfy the animal health conditions laid down in Annex A, Chapter I of Directive 92/46/EEC; 9.2 that I am familiar with the animal health requirements of Directive 92/46/EEC.	
10. Official stamp and signature Done at _____ on _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> _____ (stamp) </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> _____ (signature of official veterinarian) _____ (name in capital letters, qualifications and title) </div> </div>	

11. Public Health attestation

I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify:

11.1 that the raw milk product described above:

- (a) was manufactured from raw milk
 - (i) not, according to the findings of monitoring plans at least equivalent to those provided for in Directive 92/46/EEC, containing residues of anti-microbial substances in excess of the limits laid down in Annexes I and III to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90, as amended,
 - (ii) not, according to the findings of monitoring plans at least equivalent to those provided for in Directive 92/46/EEC, containing pesticide residues in excess of the maximum levels laid down in Annex II to Directive 86/363/EEC, as amended,
 - (iii) not, according to the findings of monitoring plans at least equivalent to those provided for in Directive 92/46/EEC, containing contaminants in excess of the maximum tolerances laid down in the Community list provided for in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 315/93,
 - (iv) which comes from registered and checked holdings meeting the hygiene conditions laid down in Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 92/46/EEC,
 - (v) which was obtained, collected, cooled, stored and transported in accordance with the specific hygiene conditions laid down in Chapter III of Annex A to Directive 92/46/EEC,
 - (vi) which meets the plate and somatic cell count standards laid down in Directive 92/46/EEC, Annex A, Chapter IV, paragraph A, point 3 as regards cow's milk, paragraph B, point 2 as regards buffalo milk, and paragraph C, point 2 as regards goat's and sheep's milk, and
 - (vii) which, where necessary, was collected and standardized in accordance with the hygiene conditions laid down in Chapters I, III and IV of Annex B to Directive 92/46/EEC;
- (b) comes from a processing establishment offering equivalent guarantees to those laid down in Chapter II of Directive 92/46/EEC shown on the list of establishments authorized to export to the European Community and which is subject to supervision by the competent authority in accordance with the provisions of Chapter VI of Annex C to Directive 92/46/EEC;
- (c) has not undergone any heat treatment during its manufacture from raw milk;
- (d) meets the relevant microbiological criteria laid down in Chapter II of Annex C to Directive 92/46/EEC;
- (e) has been wrapped and packaged in accordance with Chapter III of Annex C to Directive 92/46/EEC;
- (f) was stored and transported in accordance with the requirements of Chapter V of Annex C to Directive 92/46/EEC,

11.2 that I am aware of the provisions contained in Directive 92/46/EEC, Annexes I and III to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90, Annex II to Directive 86/363/EEC and Regulation (EEC) No 315/93.

12. Official stamp and signature

Done at _____, on _____

(stamp)

(signature of official inspector)

(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)