

Dairy for Human Consumption Products Transiting the European Union (EU)

The following certificate should only be utilized for consignments that will enter the EU prior to December 1, 2010. At this time, certificates should not be endorsed for consignments that will not enter the EU until after November 30, 2010. Further guidance will be posted as soon as it is available.

- This reference refers to products intended for human consumption that are only transiting the EU.
- Products must also be accompanied by all certifications required by the pertinent government authorities of the final destination.
- APHIS-Veterinary Services (VS) endorsement of the **“ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE for milk and milk-based products, for [transit]/[storage] in the European Community”** certificate is required if the port of entry into the EU is in Belgium, the UK, or Ireland. Otherwise, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) or VS may endorse this certificate. However, if AMS or VS endorsement of other certification is required by government authorities of the country of final destination, then that respective agency must provide this certification as part of one certificate for the consignment.

When preparing the certificate:

- Section 3.1: The ISO code and name of Country for the United States is as follows: ISO code: “US”. Name: “United States”.
- Section 3.2: The “Code of territory” for the United States is “US-0”.
- Line 9.2 must be completed as indicated below:

Option One: Heat-Treated Milk Products:

“9.2 complies with the relevant animal health conditions for the products concerned as laid down in the animal health attestation in section 9 of the model certificates ~~[Milk-RM]~~/~~[Milk-RMP]~~ / [Milk-HTB] / ~~[Milk-HTC]~~⁽³⁾ in Part 2 of Annex II to Commission Decision [2004/438/EC*];”

Or

Option Two: For aged, raw milk cheeses aged 60 days or more:

“9.2 complies with the relevant animal health conditions for the products concerned as laid down in the animal health attestation in section 9 of the model certificates ~~[Milk-RM]~~/~~[Milk-RMP]~~ / ~~[Milk-HTB]~~/~~[Milk-HTC]~~⁽³⁾ in Part 2 of Annex II to Commission Decision [2004/438/EC*];”

- Line 9.3 may not be lined-out and the blanks may not be completed.

- Line 9.4: The date (or date range) of production must be noted in the blank. Exporters must present affidavits supporting this statement (for the lots of products being exported) to the endorsing VS office with the certificate. **For raw milk products (when “Milk-RMP” applies in line 9.2), the date noted must be at least 60 days prior to export.**

Note- all “line-outs” must be initialed by the certificate endorser.

See below for the **“ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE for milk and milk-based products, for [transit]/[storage] in the European Community”**:

Model Milk-T/S

<p>1. Consignor (name and address in full) </p>	<p>ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE for milk and milk-based products⁽¹⁾, for [transit] / [storage]⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ in the European Community CertificateNumber⁽⁴⁾ ORIGINAL</p>
<p>2. Consignee (name and address in full) </p>	<p>3. Origin of the milk and milk-based products⁽⁵⁾ 3.1 ISO code and name of Country : 3.2 Code of territory : 3.3 Name and official approval or registration number of [production holding(s)] / [collection centre] / [standardization centre]⁽³⁾ : </p>
<p>5. Intended [transit] / [storage]⁽³⁾ destination of the milk and milk-based products 5.1 Storage in : EU Member State : Name and address of the establishment⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾ : 5.2 Final third country of destination after [transit] / [storage]⁽³⁾⁽⁷⁾ : Exit Community BIP name and address⁽⁷⁾ : </p>	<p>4. Competent Authority 4.1 Ministry:..... 4.2 Service:..... 4.3 Local/Regional level:..... </p> <p>6. Place of loading for exportation </p>
<p>7. Means of transport and consignment identification⁽⁸⁾ 7.1 [Lorry] / [Rail-wagon] / [Ship] / [Aircraft]⁽³⁾ 7.2 Registration number(s), ship name or flight number :</p>	<p>7.3 Consignment identification details⁽⁹⁾: </p>
<p>8. Identification of the milk and milk-based products 8.1 Milk from: (animal species). 8.2 Code number (as appropriate) 8.3 Packaging : 8.4 Number of packaging units : 8.5 Net weight :</p>	
<p>9. Animal Health attestation I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify, that the milk described above : 9.1 comes from a country or region authorized for imports into the EC of milk and milk-based products as laid down in Annex I to Commission Decision [2004/438/EC*] ; 9.2 complies with the relevant animal health conditions for the products concerned as laid down in the animal health attestation in section 9 of the model certificates [Milk-RM] / [Milk-RMP] / [Milk-HTB] / [Milk-HTC]⁽³⁾ in Part 2 of Annex II to Commission Decision [2004/438/EC*] ; 9.3 where model certificate Milk-HTC is used, the milk has undergone the following treatment , as laid down in section 10.1 (c) of that certificate, and ; 9.4 was produced on or between (10)</p>	
<p>10. Official stamp and signature Done at on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(signature of official veterinarian)⁽¹¹⁾</p> <p>(stamp)⁽¹¹⁾</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)</p>	

Notes

- (1) Milk and milk-based products means, heat-treated milk, milk-based products and raw milk for human consumption.
- (2) In accordance with Article 12 (4) or Article 13 of Council Directive 97/78/EC.
- (3) Keep as appropriate.
- (4) Issued by the competent authority.
- (5) Country and ISO code of the territory as appearing in Annex I to Commission Decision [2004/438/EC*] (as last amended).
- (6) Address (and approval number if known) of the warehouse in a free zone, free warehouse, customs warehouse or ship chandler shall be included.
- (7) Complete as appropriate.
- (8) The registration number(s) of rail-wagon or lorry and the name of the ship should be given as appropriate. If known, the flight number of the aircraft.
In case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number, their registration and seal numbers, if present, should be indicated under point 7.3.
- (9) Complete if appropriate.
- (10) Date or dates of production. Imports of the milk and milk-based products shall not be allowed when obtained either prior to the date of authorisation for exportation to the European Community from the territory mentioned under (3), or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the European Community against imports of the milk and milk-based products from this territory.
- (11) 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.