

Export of Dairy Products for Human Consumption to Jamaica

Jamaica's Veterinary Services Division has confirmed that dairy products for human consumption produced in the United States should be certified by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Programs.

Information is available from <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports> and <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports/dairy-sanitary-certificates>, or email Dairyexportsquestions@ams.usda.gov.

The importer must obtain an import permit issued by the Veterinary Services Division (VSD), Jamaica for entry of all animal products. The permit number must be reflected on the commercial documents (e.g. bill of lading, invoice) accompanying the shipment. Jamaica's VSD also requires that the certificate number of the VS Form 16-4 "Export Certificate for Animal Products" for the shipment be listed on the commercial documents (ideally the invoice) accompanying the shipment.

Export of Products with Minor Dairy or Egg Components

"Minor dairy products" containing small quantities of milk (e.g., chocolate, cookies) or egg products (e.g., mayonnaise) require veterinary certification by APHIS VS. These products are certified with a VS form 16-4 with no additional declarations. The Government of Jamaica has requested that this class of products also be accompanied by a free sale certificate.

Imported products for re-export to Jamaica

Dairy products such as ice cream, milk, yogurt, cheese, and milk powder that have been legally imported, are free for sale in the United States, and have not been processed in the United States may be certified for export to Jamaica. APHIS Veterinary Services may issue a certificate with the statements detailed under option one or option two for such dairy products.

Option one: The exporter provides a government-issued veterinary certificate from the originating country giving appropriate statements about the origin of imported materials or how materials were processed in the originating country.

1. The products were legally imported into the United States from _____ (name of country) under export certificate _____ (reference the export certificate of the country of origin).

2. The product was not processed in the United States.

Option two: The exporter provides a copy of the corresponding "entry summary" document issued by the pertinent U.S. customs agency. In addition, a notarized affidavit to support the statements on the VS Form 16-4 issued by APHIS Veterinary Services must be provided.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert importer or import broker, manufacturer company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The products were legally imported into the United States.

2. The product was not processed in the United States.