

Dairy Products Imported to Russia

Russia has announced new requirements for the import of dairy products. These requirements include extensive public health statements that cannot be made under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) authority. Currently, the USDA cannot issue certificates meeting these requirements. APHIS is seeking a solution with the Agricultural Marketing Service and the Food and Drug Administration, the competent authority for issuing public health certificates.

[In the meantime, APHIS believes that Russia is accepting dairy products on this certificate.](#)

However, because this certificate does not technically meet the Russian import requirements, exporters must have their importers confirm prior to shipping that the certificate is acceptable for their shipment. APHIS cannot issue any other certificates for dairy products exported to Russia.

Prior to endorsement of this certificate:

- The signatory must cross out and initial the statement about the BSE status of the U.S.
- The exporter must be able to verify that the materials only come from States free of Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) in cattle.