

Dairy Products Imported to Russia

APHIS believes that Russia will discontinue the issuance of import permits for dairy products on March 1, 2009. We do not believe that dairy products will be permitted entry into Russia after March 1, 2009.

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 cases where the exporter believes that their importer will be able to gain a special exemption to the suspension (the importer is able to obtain a valid import permit) and wishes to export against the advice of APHIS, APHIS is still willing to endorse the below certificate under the following circumstances:

- The certificate is verified as normally required; and
- The exporter provides to the endorsing APHIS office the following written acknowledgement to the endorsing office:

I have been advised by APHIS that this shipment of _____ (commodity name) is unlikely to be permitted entry into the Russian Federation, and that it is unlikely the USG will be able to obtain release of the shipment. APHIS has advised me that the shipment may have to be destroyed or returned to the United States at my expense. I understand that if APHIS signs the export certificate for this commodity, I am shipping at my own risk against the advice of APHIS. I understand that APHIS will not be able to endorse any additional documentation for this product. I am authorized to represent _____ (name of exporting company) in this manner.

Prior to endorsement of the below certificate:

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

Health Certificate No. _____
(Valid Only if the USDA Veterinary
Seal Appears Over the Certification #)

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE
FOR NON-FAT DRY MILK, DERIVED FROM THE
CATTLE, EXPORTED INTO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Exporting country: The United States (USA)

Competent authority: Ministry of Agriculture

Establishment issuing this certificate: _____

Administrative-territorial unit: _____

1. Identification of products:

Name of products _____

Number of packages _____

Net weight _____

Name (No.) And address of the establishment, approved by the Government Veterinary Service:

2. Kind of package _____

3. Identification marks _____

4. Conditions of storing and transportation (temperature, etc.) _____

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5. Information about destination:

Countries of transit _____

Point into Russia _____

Name and address of consignee _____

Means of transport _____

(Specify the flight number, name of the ship)

6. Certificate on the fitness of the goods for the consumption:

Herewith it is certified that:

Milk was received from the clinical healthy cattle. Milk products were received at the dairy plants, which fulfill the necessary veterinary sanitary requirements and are under permanent control of the Government Veterinary Service of the USA. Milk and milk products originate from the premises and localities free from infectious animal diseases, including:

- bovine spongiform encephalopathy - during last 5 years on the whole territory of the country;
- African swine fever - during last 3 years on the whole territory of the country;
- rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, infectious pleuropneumoniae - during the last 12 months on the whole territory of the country;
- vesicular stomatitis - The fluid milk from which the non-fat dry milk was derived came from dairy cattle free from clinical vesicular stomatitis;

- brucellosis and tuberculosis - The fluid milk, from which non-fat dry milk was derived, came from cattle free of clinical brucellosis and tuberculosis and was pasteurized at a minimum of 71.7 degrees for 15 seconds;
- brucellosis (B.melitensis) - during the last 2 years in the premise;
- sheep pox and goat pox - during the last 6 months in the premise;
- anthrax - during the last 20 days in the premise.

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The animals for export have not had access to feed or feed supplements derived from internal organs and tissues of ruminants from any country affected by BSE.

Milk does not contain harmful residues of the following compounds: natural or synthetical estrogenic or hormonal substances, thyreostatics, antibiotics, or tranquilizers.

Milk products have no changes in organoleptic indices.

Means of transport for meat transportation are treated and prepared in accordance with the rules approved in the USA.

Made on _____, 20_____

Official veterinarian (title, name)

Signature _____

Stamp: