

UPDATE: Provided by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on March 23, 2003.

### **U.S. Origin Dairy Products Imported to Canada**

- Must have only a Canadian Customs Invoice (CCI) as proof of origin and proper labeling.
- There are no animal health requirements.

Other historical information:

**COMMODITY CHARACTERISTICS:**

Regulated dairy products are:

Partly Skimmed Milk  
Skim Milk  
Cream  
Butter  
Buttermilk  
Butter Oil  
Whey  
Whey Butter  
Whey Cream

dried, frozen or reconstituted or fresh form, but does not include milk proteins, milk sugars and milk enzymes.

**PROCEDURES:**

**1. Regulated dairy products as INGREDIENTS\* of a food product from any country, for any end use (except for livestock feed):**

NO RESTRICTION- for Animal Health

**2. Any dairy product imported for human use (indicated on CCI or other documentation), other than those listed above:**

NO RESTRICTION - for Animal Health

**3. Dairy products imported from USA \*\* (proof of origin - such as CCI or labeling)**

NO RESTRICTION - for Animal Health

N.B. ALL dairy products, as such or as ingredients, not only those listed above - intended for animal feed are regulated.

**RATIONALE:**

The risk of introducing and spreading exotic animal diseases through dairy products of USA origin or as an ingredient of a food product is considered very low.

No documentation is required for Animal Health (AH) for 1 and 2 above, but as usual, documentation for other AAFC programs and/or departments will be submitted for review by AAFC Import Primary Contact (IPC) located at designated points of importation. IPC will inform applicant of the decision to import (or not), as per AAFC requirements.

**4. Regulated dairy products (as such) for any use:**

From **countries designated** free of foot-and-mouth disease:

may be imported if *the person produces* a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin that shows that the country of origin or part thereof is a designated country or part thereof.

Risk: Low

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From **non-designated** Countries:

may be imported if *the person produces* a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin stating that the product has been subjected to one of the following treatments:

Pasteurization: Minimum of 72 degrees Centigrade for at least 10 seconds **OR**  
Ultra-High temperature (UHT): Minimum of 140 degrees Centigrade for at least 5 seconds **OR**  
100 day storage as a dry product **OR**  
Low final pH (<5) for a period of 2 hours.

**RATIONALE:**

The risk of introducing and spreading exotic animal disease by importing regulated dairy products from designated countries or dairy products that have been previously treated, is considered to be low. Section 34.1 (1) of the Health of Animals regulations allows the importation of such treated dairy products, if accompanied by a valid certificate attesting to the treatment.

**5. Any dairy products as such or as ingredients for livestock feed (regulated *as animal products* under Section 53, 41(1) *and* not *under section 34*):**

from **countries designated** free from foot-and-mouth disease; and for milk only (liquid or dry) as such, countries or part thereof must be free (as defined in the OIE) of brucellosis and tuberculosis.

may be imported if *the person produces* a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin that shows that the country of origin or part thereof is a designated country or if accompanied by a certificate of treatment as indicated below.

Risk: Low

from **non-designated** Countries:

may be imported if *the person produces* a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin stating that the product has been subjected to one of the following treatments:

Pasteurization: Minimum of 72 degrees Centigrade for at least 10 seconds **OR**

Ultra-High temperature (UHT): Minimum 140 degrees Centigrade for at least 5 seconds **OR**

100 day storage as a dry product **OR**

Low final pH (<5) for a period of 2 hours.

Risk: Medium

- \* "Ingredient" indicates an individual unit of a food product which is combined with one or other individual units to form the integrated food product.
- \*\* Products are not regulated by Animal Health Division.
- \*\*\* Transport media or packing material (in association with non-regulated product) is not considered as an ingredient and should therefore be considered as a separate regulated product., i.e. feta cheese in whey must be accompanied by a certificate as mentioned in Section 4 of this import directive.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

This general import directive supersedes all AH import directives, either specific or general.

This directive relates to AH import requirements and does not remove any obligation to the Canadian importer to comply with the import requirements of other Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada programs and/or other departments, such as External Affairs, Dairy, Fruit and Vegetables Division and Feed Division of AAFC.

If not prohibited by another AAFC Program, the documents mentioned above may be imported by facsimile to the Import Primary Contact (IPC) prior to importation, i.e. AGRI-PARS.

Inspection fees of \$14.95 (AGRI-PARS) or \$25.25 (regular) are applied to all imported products imported from all countries with the exception of USA whereby no inspection fees are applicable.

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