Milk and/or Dairy Products (Bovine, Caprine or Ovine Origin) for Human Consumption
Export to Mexico

This document provides guidance for the export of dairy products intended human consumptions that are produced in the United States. This applies to products where dairy is the main ingredient (containing **more than 50% dairy**), even if it is an additive for the food industry. The products can contain less than 10% egg, honey, and/or hydrolyzed proteins (e.g. gelatin) per each ingredient or together.

For imported dairy products for reexport, please refer to the document "Animal Products Offered for Re-Export,"

Exporters should be advised to get a copy of the appropriate requirements sheet ("Requisitos Zoosanitarios Para Importación" (HRZ)) issued by the government of Mexico. Any additional certification statements must be based on the HRZ and an English translation. Veterinary Services generally does not verify any additional import permits such as may be issued by the Ministry of Health or any testing or other requirements stipulated in such permits.

The VS form 16-4 certificate must show the names and addresses of both the exporter and the importer.

Mexican requirements (Article 89 of the Federal Animal Health Law) stipulate that for dairy for human consumption, lot number(s), as well as production, packing, and product expiry/"best used by" dates must be provided. For all milk and dairy for human consumption, an officially issued certificate addendum may be used to provide traceability information that is required for this commodity class.

For short-shelf-life dairy products, such as fresh fluid milk, sour cream, yogurt, and ice cream, a "just in time" option exists for the completion of the addendum that provides required traceability information described above. Exporters interested in this option should discuss with the appropriate Veterinary Services office responsible for issuing their certificates.

For dairy products produced and exported from Puerto Rico, the name and address of the exporter should be listed in the following format on the VS Form 16-4:

[Exporter Name]
[Exporter Street Address]
[Exporter City], [PR or Puerto Rico] [Zip Code]
USA

Commodities contained in bags, combos, boxes and containers, should be presented on pallets for its appropriate physical inspection.

The certification statements listed below should appear in the Additional Declarations section of the VS form 16-4 and are made on the basis of a notarized affidavit.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements: / *Esta oficina cuenta en su expediente con una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la exactitud de las siguientes declaraciones:*

1. Dairy ingredients proceed from the country indicated in this document of origin and/or were legally imported. / *Los ingredientes lácteos proceden del país indicado en este documento como origen y/o se importaron legalmente.*

2. The product is intended for human consumption. / *El producto está destinado al consumo humano.*

3. The product was processed in an establishment under official control. / *El producto se procesó en un establecimiento bajo control oficial.*

4. In the manufacturing of the product, no proteins of ruminant origin, except milk and milk proteins, were used. / *En la elaboración del producto no se utilizaron proteínas de origen rumiante, excepto leche y proteínas de leche.*

   [For dairy products containing less than 10% egg, honey, and/or hydrolyzed proteins (e.g. gelatin) per each ingredient or together, include the statement below]

5. The product may also contain milk and/or dairy products; egg or egg products and honey whose use is allowed by the health authority of the country of origin for its inclusión in the formulation of the product. / El producto puede contener además de leche y/o derivados lácteos, huevo u ovoproductos y miel cuyo uso está permitido por la autoridad sanitaria del país de origen para su inclusión en la formulación del producto.