

## Milk and Milk-Based Products – for Human Consumption Export to Republic of South Africa

- This certificate should only be used for the export of milk or milk-based products which contain no other ingredients except dairy (bovine or ovine origin) and are intended for human consumption.
- Milk and milk-based products exported to the Republic of South Africa for human consumption must be on the same letterhead. The certificate provided on this web site entitled “Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of: Milk or Milk-Based Products for Human Consumption to the Republic of South Africa”, which is on USDA APHIS/VS-APIE letterhead, is the only one that should be used.
- Exporters must provide supporting documentation from a competent public health authority before APHIS VS can endorse this required certification statement: “The products are fit for human consumption.” The supporting documentation, which must state that the products are “fit for human consumption,” may be obtained from a number of different Federal or State regulatory agencies including the AMS, the FDA, State Departments of Health or State Dairy Boards.
- The Republic of South Africa requires an import permit for the entry of these products and requires that APHIS health certificates be issued and endorsed prior to ship/sail date. Exporters should obtain the required import permit and ensure that all requirements are met prior to export.



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Health Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Valid only if the USDA Veterinary  
Seal Appears Over the Certificate No.  
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**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF:  
MILK OR MILK-BASED PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION  
TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Responsible Veterinary Administration: USDA

Issuing Veterinary Authority: APHIS Veterinary Services

South African Veterinary Import Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Consignment:**

Type of product & animal species of origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of packages or units/net weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification marks or lot number(s) (Please include batch numbers): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Type  
of packaging: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Approved Manufacturing Facility(ies):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Address of Consignor:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Name and Address of Consignee:**

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**Means of Transport (flight no/vessel name):**

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**Container Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seal Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place/Port of Loading:**

\_\_\_\_\_



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**Health Attestation:**

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies to the following regarding the milk or milk-based products described hereon:

1. The product was produced from either (check as appropriate):

- 1.1 milk or milk-based products, derived from animals kept in herds in the country mentioned on the overleaf (the exporting country must give certification for the product) which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest; **OR**
- 1.2 milk or milk-based products, legally imported into the country, from facilities in the European Community registered for trade within the Community (complying with all the relevant European Community Directives) or Norway, which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest; **OR**
- 1.3 milk or milk-based products, legally imported into the exporting country, from one or more of the following countries: New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, United States of America and Canada.

2. The product was processed at an officially approved manufacturing plant and subjected to one of the following processes before being introduced onto South African territory:

Either (select as appropriate)

- 2.1 In the case of milk or milk-based products originating from areas where no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred within the last 12 months and where vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has not been carried out in the last 12 months:
  - 2.1.1 Ultra high temperature treatment at 132<sup>0</sup>C for 1 second; AND/OR
  - 2.1.2 Pasteurized at 72<sup>0</sup>C for 15 seconds or 60<sup>0</sup>C for 30 minutes; AND/OR
  - 2.1.3 Heat sterilized for 30 minutes at a pressure of 15 lbs (100 kPa); AND/OR
  - 2.1.4 An acidification process such that the pH value is lowered and kept below 6 for at least one hour.

**OR**

- 2.2 In the case of milk or milk-based products originating from areas where an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred within the last 12 months or which have carried out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease in the last 12 months:
  - 2.2.1 Ultra high temperature treatment at 132<sup>0</sup>C for 1 second; OR

- 2.2.2 An initial heat treatment having an effect at least equivalent to that achieved by pasteurization at a temperature of at least 72°C for at least 15 seconds, so as to produce a negative reaction to the phosphatase test, followed by:
- (i) A second heat treatment involving high-temperature pasteurization, UHT, or sterilization, so as to produce a negative reaction to the peroxidase test: OR
  - (ii) In the case of milk-powder or a dry milk-based product, a second heat treatment having an effect at least equivalent to that achieved by the first heat treatment, so as to produce a negative reaction to the phosphatase test, followed by a drying process; OR
  - (iii) An acidification process such that the pH value is lowered and kept below 6 for at least one hour.
3. The products do not contain any products derived from animals other than milk or milk-based products.
4. The products are fit for human consumption.
5. The products do not, to the best of my knowledge and belief, contain any harmful additives or constitute any danger of introducing infectious or contagious diseases into South Africa.

Issued at \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Official Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Official Veterinarian

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Printed Name and Title of Official Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Official Veterinarian