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## India

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### **Draft notification on Import of milk and milk products into India**

**Report Categories:**

Dairy and Products

Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 31, 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (GOI) issued a draft notification proposing veterinary certificate for the import of milk and milk products from various countries including the United States. The notification was sent to the WTO on January 31, 2012. The comment period ends on March 31, 2012.

**General Information:****Introduction:**

On January 31, 2012, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (GOI) issued a draft notification proposing veterinary certificate for the import of milk and milk products from various countries including the United States. The notification was sent to the WTO on January 31, 2012. The comment period ends on March 31, 2012.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not be viewed, under any circumstances, as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

**Details of Notification:**

**Type of Regulation:** Draft

**Public Notice Date:** January 31, 2012

**WTO notification number:** G/SPS/N/IND/75

**WTO notification date:** January 31, 2012

**Final Date of Comments:** March 31, 2012

**Proposed Date of Adoption:** Not determined

**Proposed date of publication in Indian Official gazette:** Not determined

**Notification Text as published:** The full text of this announcement is given below and can be accessed on the website of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries at [veterinary Certificate for Import of Milk and Milk Products into India](#). The WTO notification can be accessed at: [Notification G/SPS/N/IND/75: India Milk and Milk Products](#)

**Products Affected:** Milk and Milk products

**Agency in Charge:** Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

### **SECTION 3. SUB SECTION (ii)]**

Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries  
New Delhi

#### **Notification**

S.O.....(E) .- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3A of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898), the Central Government, hereby notifies the veterinary certificate for regulating the import of milk and milk products into India as specified in the Schedule annexed to this notification subject to the following restrictions, namely:-

- a. the imports will only be allowed through the ports or airports of Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Bangalore or other places to be notified by the Department, where the animal quarantine inspection facilities are available;
- b. on arrival into India,

- (i) the consignment and the documents will be examined by the Regional Officer or Quarantine Officer;
- (ii) samples from the imported item will be taken for examination;

(iii) in case the documents are not conforming to the requirements set out in the Schedule or the documents are found to be fake, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India, at the cost of the importing agency, shall cause the consignment to be deported or cause the same to be destroyed as it may deem fit.

#### **Schedule**

#### **Veterinary certificate for import of milk and milk products into India.**

#### **Part I**

#### **I. General Information Related to Importation**

1. Consignor:  
(Name and address in full)
2. Health certificate:  
(No: Date)
3. Consignee:  
(Name and address in full)
4. Country of origin:
5. Competent Authority:  
(Ministry, Department)
6. Place of loading :
7. Identification of the product:  
(Type of product, Details of product , Number of packages , Identification marks , Quantity)
8. Name and address of the registration/ accreditation authority:
9. Mode of Transport:
10. Destination:

(Name and address in full)

## Part II

### Veterinary Certificate to be issued by the Official veterinarian

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the product described above satisfies the following requirements specified in sections II and III:-

#### II. General Conditions or requirements

1. Animal rennet has not been used in making of this product.

*Or*

Animal rennet has been used in making of this product. The product package/container has been labelled accordingly.

*(Retain as applicable.)*

2. The source animals, from which milk was drawn have never been fed with feeds containing any animal tissues, except milk products.

#### III. Sanitary Information or requirements

1. The milk / milk product has been processed to make it fit for human consumption.

2. Milk, used for making the milk product, has been processed with a heat treatment which ensures destruction of pathogenic organisms, including, *Mycobacterium bovis sub tuberculosis*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Mycobacterium avium paratuberculosis*, *Coxiella burnetii*, *Brucella sps.* and other bacterial disease-causing organisms.

3. The animals from which the milk has been derived were not administered with Bovine Growth Hormones (BGH) / Bovine Somatotropin Hormone (BST/rBST).

4. The source animals were not treated with estrogen within the last ninety days before the milk was drawn.

5. The milk/milk product (*retain as applicable*) does not contain drug/pesticides/heavy metal residues and levels of mycotoxins above the limits prescribed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

6. Milk/ milk product (*retain as applicable*) does not contain pre-formed bacterial toxins such as those produced by bacteria belonging to *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Clostridium botulinum* and enterogenic *Escherichia coli*.

Official stamp:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Veterinarian

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Issued at \_\_\_\_\_ on.....

Note: If any conformance certificate from the manufacturer in respect to any of the above conditions is attached, the same must be verified and signed by the exporting country's authorized official.

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(Rajbir Singh Rana)  
Joint Secretary to the Government of India