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Labeling Requirement for Food Grade Dairy Powder Exported to Taiwan

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Report Highlights:

Taiwan's Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) requires all packages of food grade dairy powder products that are over 10 kilograms in weight to be labeled as "food grade" or "for human consumption." Shipments of packages not containing such statements may be rejected at port if the importer cannot produce documentation verifying the products are fit for human consumption.

General Information:

In November, 2016, a dairy powder shipment from the United States was detained at the port of Keelung in northern Taiwan during an inspection for improper labeling. With the assistance of the AIT Taipei Agricultural Section, the importer was able to produce necessary documentation and obtain the release of the shipment valued at US\$54,000. Importers and exporters can reduce the risk of potential shipping delays or rejections by closely following Taiwan labeling regulations.

In June, 2005 Taiwan's Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) issued an announcement requiring all packages of food grade dairy powder products that are over 10 kilograms in weight to be labeled as "food grade" or "for human consumption." Shipments of packages not containing such statements may be rejected at port if the importer cannot produce documentation verifying the products are fit for human consumption. A translation of the announcement is attached to this report.

Additional information on the dairy market in Taiwan can be found in the [USDA 2016 Dairy and Products Annual Report](#).

Attachment:

Announcement - Department of Health (present-Ministry of health and welfare), Executive Yuan (EY)

To: Food Sanitation Section, Department of Health

Date: June, 29th, 2005

Announcement: Food. No. 0940405073

Title: All food grade milk powder, cream powder, and whey powder products with a volume of more than 10 kg shall obviously be labeled as “food grade” or other equivalent words on the package.

In accordance with: Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation, Chapter 4, Article 17

Remark: Previous announcement Food. No. 551089, dated August, 30th, 1985 is revoked.

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