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## **New Zealand Gains Additional Dairy Market Access in Thailand**

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 24, 2017, Thailand and New Zealand reached an agreement to increase market access for New Zealand dairy exports to Thailand. Thailand's total import of dairy products in 2016 was \$154 million dollars with 13 percent originating from the United States.

**General Information:**

**New Zealand Gains Additional Dairy Market Access in Thailand**

On July 24, 2017, Thailand and New Zealand reached an agreement to increase market access for New Zealand dairy exports to Thailand. This agreement stills requires ratification by the Thai National Legislative Assembly. Once ratified, the 2005 Thailand-New Zealand Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (TNZCEP) will be amended to increase the volume of certain New Zealand dairy products that can be exported to Thailand under preferential tariff rates. New Zealand’s volume cap for preferential tariffs will increase by 20 percent for its whey products and an additional 10 percent for cheese and anhydrous milk fat products. Thailand’s total import of dairy products in 2016 was \$154 million with 13 percent originating from the United States.

Product	Revised Volume Trigger Levels (Metric Ton)				Note
	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Whey and modified whey	54.07	64.88	77.86	93.43	Increase by 20 percent annually
Anhydrous Milk Fat	19.75	21.73	23.90	26.29	Increase by 10 percent annually
Fresh cheese, including whey cheese and curd	427.47	470.21	517.23	568.96	
Grated and powdered cheese, of all kinds	461.76	507.94	558.73	614.60	
Processed cheese, not grated or powdered	1,281.77	1,409.94	1,550.94	1,706.03	
Other cheese, including cream cheese, not processed	278.70	306.56	337.22	370.94	

Products	Thailand’s Total Imports (tons)	Thailand Imports from NZ (tons)	Thailand Imports from USA (tons)	Import Tariff Rate Under Trigger Volume	Import Tariff Rate Outside Trigger Volume
Whey and modified whey	62,701.30	2,349.05	16,286.09	6% (2017) 4% (2018) 2% (2019) 0% (2020)	30%
Anhydrous Milk Fat	7,681.16	6,692.60	11.20	0% (2017-2020)	5%
Fresh cheese, including whey	1,711.79	732.93	175.53		

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Grated and powdered cheese, of all kinds	2,628.53	1,021.52	649.40		
Processed cheese, not grated or powdered	1,900.94	956.59	55.38		
Other cheese, including cream cheese, not processed	8,362.32	2,369.81	503.43		