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**EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO HAITI - 5650EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL**

**Background**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or the National Assembly for Wales who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

1. Following confirmation of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in the UK on 20 February 2001, the European Commission (EC) has banned the intra-community trade in milk and milk products originating from the United Kingdom. However, in certain cases and/or provided certain conditions are met, such trade is possible, but must be accompanied by health certificate, issued by an Official Veterinarian e.g. a Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) on an export panel, or an Environmental Health Officer of the Local Food Authority.

**Health attestation**

2. The requirements of Commission Decision 2001/172/EC of 01/03/2001 will be met and paragraph IV may be signed if:

a) For Milk

Regardless of when (date) or where (establishment) the milk was prepared, if it has been subjected to an initial pasteurisation of at least 72°C for at least 15 seconds followed by one of the following:

* a second heat treatment by high temperature pasteurisation (at least 71.7°C for at least 15 seconds), UHT (at least 135°C for at least 1 second)or sterilisation(verified by random sampling and incubation tests); or
* a drying process which includes a heat treatment with an equivalent effect to the above treatments; or
* treatment whereby the pH is lowered to below 6.0 and held there for at least one hour

**OR**

The milk is prepared in an establishment officially approved and listed in accordance with Commission Decision 2001/172/EC for this purpose and complies with the following conditions: **[This is separate from approval/licence granted under the EC Hygiene/Inspection legislation. For further queries/information on obtaining approval under Commission Decision 2001/172/EC, please contact the local Divisional Veterinary Manager or Richard Mabbitt at (MAFF, 1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ) on 020 7904 6306.]**

* The establishment must be *officially approved* and such approval notified to the EC and other member states before exports can be certified, on a consignment specific basis.
* *All* products/material handled/present in the establishment must be eligible for export i.e. are obtained from animals outside the UK and/or comply with Commission Decision 2001/172/EC.
* The establishment must operate under strict veterinary control.
* Storage of export-eligible goods must take place in chambers which are locked and sealed when the official veterinarian or officials working under his/her supervision are not on site.
* There must be a system of tracing the raw or intermediate materials which will guarantee the origin of the material throughout production/processing.
* There must be controls in place to permit reconciliation and cross-checking of incoming and outgoing goods.
* All export eligible goods must be transported in an officially sealed means of transport.

b) For Milk Products

* they were produced before 1 February 2001; or
* they have been subjected to heat treatment of at least 72°C for 15 seconds or an equivalent treatment; or
* they were prepared from milk which meets the criteria in a) above

**Cream** produced from milk which has been treated to at least 72°C for at least 15 seconds can be considered a milk product treated in accordance with the requirement at the second bullet point above.

**OR**

* the milk products are prepared in an establishment officially approved and listed in accordance with Commission Decision 2001/172/EC for this purpose and complies with the following conditions: **[This is separate from approval/licence granted under the EC Hygiene/Inspection legislation. For further queries/information on obtaining approval under Commission Decision 2001/172/EC, please contact the local Divisional Veterinary Manager or Richard Mabbitt at (MAFF, 1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ) on 020 7904 6306.]**
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**OR**

* If prepared in an establishment outside the UK using milk of UK origin obtained before 1 February 2001, provided that the milk products are clearly identified and transported and stored separately from milk products obtained after 1 February 2001.

3. Compliance with processing standards may be certified on the

basis of:

* knowledge of the production process operating in the establishment;
* checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the batches certified;
* in the case of LVI certification, on the basis of supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible Environmental Health Officer.

**Completion of health certificate**

4. A copy of the completed certificate should be returned to the local Divisional Manager on the day of issue.

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