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**EXPORT OF BOVINE DAIRY PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION TO ARGENTINA – 6248 EHC**

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

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector, appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, the National Assembly for Wales or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. LVIs should fix the ‘Official Veterinarian’ stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

## Scope

## Certificate 6248EHC is required for the export of bovine dairy products to Argentina. It cannot be used for the export of dairy products made from ovine/caprine milk.

# Health Information

###### Paragraph IV A

**A (1)** and **(2)** may be signed on the basis of 618 NDC for milk products produced from milk originating in the UK.

#### Paragraph IV B

**B (2)** All holdings in the UK will qualify if no former O.I.E. list “A” disease which is compulsorily notifiable to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, the National Assembly for Wales or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland under the Animal Health Act 1981, i.e. foot and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, rinderpest, peste des petits ruminants, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley Fever, sheep and goat pox, has occurred in the UK during the 60 days prior to the collection of the milk. For the purposes of this paragraph, bluetongue can be ignored as the bluetongue virus cannot be transmitted through milk/meat.

**B (3)** Option b may be signed for all bovine holdings on the basis of the TSE Regulations

**B (4)** can be certified on the basis of statutory monitoring for residues in milk and the requirements of the Food Safety Act and the European Union (EU) legislation laying down hygiene rules for food of animal origin and its official controls which prohibit the collection of raw milk for treatment or processing with any residues of substances having a pharmacological or hormonal action, or pesticides or other substances which are harmful to health in so far as these residues exceed permitted tolerance limits.

##### Paragraph IV. C

**C (1):** The treatment options in Article 3.6.2.5 of OIE code are as follows:

* a sterilisation process applying a minimum temperature of 132°C for at least one second (ultra-high temperature [UHT]), or
* if the milk has a pH less than 7.0, a sterilisation process applying a minimum temperature of 72°C for at least 15 seconds (high temperature - short time pasteurisation [HTST]), or
* if the milk has a pH of 7.0 or over, the HTST process applied twice.

**C (3):** This can be signed on the same basis as IV (B) (4) above.

**C (4):** This can be signed on the basis of the health mark, which

signifies that the somatic cell count and microbiological

 standards in the Dairy Products (Hygiene) Regulation have

 been met.

##### Paragraph IV D

**D (1):** The manufacturing establishment must be approved under Dairy

 Products (Hygiene) Regulations.

#### Paragraph IV E

**E (1):** 1 to 4 can be signed on the basis of the health mark.

A certified copy of this certificate must be sent to the local

Divisional Veterinary Manager on the day of issue.

**Disclaimer**

 The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time and may not necessarily comply fully with the requirements of the importing country. It is the exporter’s responsibility to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country. If these do not match, the exporter should contact the International Animal Health Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

 <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>