

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORTATION OF CHEESE AND BUTTER FROM COUNTRIES THAT ARE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE FREE INTO THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

COUNTRY:

PART I: Details of Dispatched Consignment				
I.1. Consignor Name: Address: Zip Code: Telephone: Fax: Email:	I.2. Certificate Reference Number: I.3. Veterinary Authority: I.5. Country of Export I.6. ISO Code Export Country I.7. Zone of Origin (where applicable) I.8. Country of Destination Turks and Caicos Islands I.9. ISO Code TC			
I.4. Consignee Name: Address: Zip Code: Telephone: Fax: Email:	I.10. Port of Entry in the TCI I.11. Date of Shipment	I.12. Date of Arrival I.13. Time of Arrival		
I.15 Total Quantity	I.16 Total Number of Packages	I.17. Type of Packaging		I.18 Container/Seal Number
I.19. Place of Manufacturer Name: Address:		I.20. Registration Number		I.21. HS Code of Product
I.24. Commodity Intended for use as: <input type="checkbox"/> Human Consumption		<input type="checkbox"/> Further Processing <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
I.25. Name of Country/Zone of origin of the milk or the milk from which this dairy product is made:		I.26. Name of Country/Zone in which the cheese or butter was processed and packaged:		
I.27. Identification of Commodities				
Nature of Commodity	Approval Number of Establishment	Treatment Type	Lot ID\Date Code	Net Weight
PART II: Sanitary Requirements				

I, the undersigned **OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN** certify that the product(s) described in I.14. and I.27. above meet (s) the following requirements:

- II.1. That the milk or the milk from which the cheese or butter is made was originated from a country/zone recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) as foot and mouth disease-free, with or without vaccination;
- II.2. That the cheese and butter have been processed in a foot and mouth disease-free country/zone;
- II.3. That the milk or the milk from which the cheese or butter product is made originated from animals in a country/zone which meets the OIE requirements for freedom from goat and sheep pox, rinderpest, peste des petits ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, bovine brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis;
- II.4. That the animals were clinically healthy at the time the milk was obtained;

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II.5. That the milk or the milk from which the cheese or butter was made must have been subjected to one of the following heat treatments:

- i. pasteurisation at 72°C for a minimum of 15 seconds or an equivalent treatment, in terms of phosphatase destruction or
- ii. a UHT treatment of 135°C for a minimum of 1 second.

II.6. That the milk or milk products from which the cheese or butter was made was processed or manufactured in a plant under hygienic and sanitary standards approved by the Veterinary Authority which must be equivalent to the standards and control measures described in the Codex Alimentarius Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products;

II.7. That the country of origin has a residue control programme comprising approved sampling and analytical testing methods for chemical compounds that include but are not limited to: veterinary drugs, growth promoters whether natural or synthetic, pesticide residues and other contaminants. These approved sampling and analytic methods must be equivalent to those in the Codex Alimentarius and the milk or milk products should have no contaminants above the established MRLs in the Codex Alimentarius.

II.8. that the milk and milk products are intended for human consumption;

II.9. The cheese or butter was packaged in a plant that has been approved for export by the Veterinary Authority of the country of export. The name, address and establishment number of the plant, the batch / lot number and the * **date of manufacture of the products** are clearly stamped on this certificate as well as the immediate container or packaging; and

*** (Note: For cheese the date of manufacture is the date the curd was set).**

II.10. Every precaution were taken to prevent contamination during the processing, packaging, storing and handling of the products prior to export into the Islands.

NAME (All Capitals letters)

QUALIFICATION AND TITLE:

PLACE STAMP/SEAL HERE

PLACE SIGNATURE HERE
(different colour than of printing on this certificate)

Date of Issuance(dd/mm/yyyy)_____

THIS CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE

Notes for Veterinarians and Exporters

- A. Upon arrival at the TCI port-of-entry, all shipments will be inspected by an Animal Health Officer or any other authorized Animal Inspector before they are allowed entry into the country. Every lot of product will be given a visual inspection for appearance and condition, and checked for certification and label compliance.
- B. The Animal Health Officer or the Animal Inspector may collect samples of the products for examination, microbial and chemical laboratory analysis.
- C. If additional sheets of paper or supporting documents are attached to this international health certificate, those sheets of paper or document shall also be considered as forming part of the original of the international health certificate by the application of the signature and stamp of the official veterinarian, on each of the pages;
- D. This certificate should be completed, signed and stamped in any colour other than black;
- E. When the certificate, including additional sheets referred to in (i), comprises more than one page, each page shall be numbered, (page number) of (total number of pages), at the end of the page and shall bear the certificate reference number that has been designated by the competent authority at the top of the pages;
- F. All relevant documents (copy of import permit, and **originals** of this Veterinary Health Certificate, Laboratory Test results, etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance. **Import Permits will be revoked if there is proof that the information provided before or after issuance is inaccurate or false; and**
- G. The Animal Health Services Division must be given at least 24 hours' notice of the confirmed arrival date, time and vessel/aircraft number and the port of entry to avoid delays in the clearance of the commodity (ies).

Explanations

Part I

- I.5. Country of export refers to the country from which commodities are directly sent to the Turks and Caicos Islands
- I.6. "ISO code" refers to the international standard two-letter code (ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 Code) for a country produced by the International Organization for Standardization
- I.13. Description of commodity: Please indicate the titles as they appear in the Harmonised System of the World Customs Organization or any other feature that would positively identify the commodity (ies)
- I.15. The Registration number of the manufacturing or packaging plant of the product named on this certificate
- I.18. Heading or HS Code of the Harmonized System set up by the World Customs Organization used to identify commodities.