

**Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan
from Listed countries**

Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan from Listed countries are as follows.

(Definitions)

For the purpose of these Animal Health Requirements:

“Raw milk”

means the mammary secretion of cloven-hoofed animals as milked.

“Milk product”

means the product obtained by any processing of raw milk, which is categorized in any of the following HS codes(*):

0401 (Milk and cream, etc.)
 0402 (Milk and cream, etc.)
 0403 (Buttermilk, etc.)
 0404 (Whey, etc.)
 0405 (Butter, etc.)
 0406 (Cheese, etc.)
 3502.20, 3502.90 (Milk albumins, etc.)
 2309.10, 2309.90 (Feed and pet food, etc.)

*The following items are excluded from the above definition.

Evaporated milk, evaporated skim milk, yoghurt, butter oil and processed cheese

“Listed countries”

means countries, regions and zones recognized by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan where exporting raw milk and un-heat-treated milk products to Japan is allowed.

For the latest list of Listed countries, refer to Annex.

“The Japanese animal health authority”

means Animal Health Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

“UHT”

means a process applying a minimum temperature of 132°C for at least one second (ultra-high temperature [UHT]) in liquid form.

“HTST”

means a process applying a minimum temperature of 72°C for at least 15 seconds (high temperature - short time pasteurisation [HTST]) in liquid form.

(General conditions)

1. The exporting country must be free from foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), and vaccination against FMD must be prohibited in the exporting country.
2. Importation of cloven-hoofed animals that have been vaccinated against FMD must be prohibited in the exporting country.
3. The exporting country must have an appropriate quarantine system for the import and export of raw milk and milk products from the perspective of animal health.

4. In the case of FMD outbreak in the exporting country, the competent authority of the exporting country must immediately suspend issuing the health certificate for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan and notify the Japanese animal health authority as such. On receipt of the information on FMD outbreak in the exporting country, the Japanese animal health authority can suspend the import from the said country.

(Conditions of raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan)

5. Raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan must be produced from raw milk obtained from clinically healthy animals, and
it must be prohibited to use raw milk obtained from animals infected with animal infectious diseases as an ingredient according to legislation of the exporting country.

6-1. [In case of the raw milk and/or milk products not intended for animal* consumption]

(* 'animal' means cloven-hoofed animals)

- (1) Raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan must be produced from raw milk collected only in the exporting country and/or Listed countries, and must be produced, packaged and stored only in the exporting country and/or Listed countries;
- or
- (2) milk products to be exported to Japan must satisfy all of the following items:
 - (a) an ingredient derived from raw milk used in the production of milk products to be exported to Japan must originate from the exporting country and/or must be legally imported into the exporting country;
 - and
 - (b) an FMD virus inactivation treatment of milk products to be exported to Japan (such as heat or acid treatment) must be carried out in any stage of production by any of the following methods:
 - (i) UHT, or
 - (ii) if the milk has a pH less than 7.0, HTST, or
 - (iii) if the milk has a pH of 7.0 or greater, HTST applied twice.
 - (iv) a process maintaining a pH less than 6 for at least one hour.
 - (v) a method approved by the competent authority of the exporting country as an FMD inactivation method equivalent to (i) – (iv) above.

6-2. [In case of the raw milk and/or milk products intended for animal consumption]

(* 'animal' means cloven-hoofed animals)

- (1) Raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan must be produced from raw milk collected only in the exporting country and/or Listed countries, and must be produced, packaged and stored only in the exporting country and/or Listed countries;
- or
- (2) milk products to be exported to Japan must satisfy all of the following items:
 - (a) an ingredient derived from raw milk used in the production of milk products to be exported to Japan must originate from the exporting country and/or must be legally imported into the exporting country;
 - and
 - (b) an FMD virus inactivation treatment of milk products to be exported to Japan (such as heat or acid treatment) must be carried out in any stage of production by any of the following methods:
 - (i) UHT, or
 - (ii) if the milk has a pH less than 7.0, HTST, or
 - (iii) if the milk has a pH of 7.0 or greater, HTST applied twice.

7. Raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan must be produced, packaged and stored from raw milk collection to shipment of final products to Japan without contamination by

pathogens of animal infectious diseases or commingling with raw milk and/or milk products which do not meet Articles 5, 6-1 and 6-2 above.

8. Packages and containers such as carton boxes for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan must be clean and hygienic.

(Issue of the health certificate)

9. The competent authority of the exporting country must be responsible for issuing the health certificate for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan, stating the following items in detail in English after confirming the raw milk and/or milk products comply with these animal health requirements.
 - (1) Statement that ‘all the requirements of “Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan from Listed countries” are satisfied.’(*1)
 - (2) The name of the item, quantity and the production date of the products, and the species of origin of raw milk as an ingredient
 - (3) The establishment number of the facility where the final products to be exported to Japan are treated finally(*2,*3)
 - (4) Intended use (for animal consumption (including raw materials for animal feed), human consumption, etc.)
 - (5) If Article 6-1(2) or 6-2(2) is applied, a relevant FMD virus inactivation treatment must be selected or described.
 - (6) The date, authority name and place of issue of the health certificate, and the name and title of the signer

In addition, the health certificate must be in either the model format presented by the Japanese animal health authority or any other equivalent format.

- *1. Alternatively, it is also acceptable to state Article 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of “Animal Health Requirements for raw milk and/or milk products to be exported to Japan from Listed countries”.
- *2. “The facility” means a facility that produces(including only repacking, blending, etc.) final products (cheese, skim milk powder etc.) to be exported to Japan.
- *3. Alternatively, it is also acceptable to state name and address of the facility.