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Import of Milk, Dairy Products, Colostrum, and Colostrum Based Products for Human Consumption

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1. General Information

This Import Information Note (IIN) must be read in conjunction with the IIN for general information for imports of products of animal origin (POAO), which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.

[General information for imports of products of animal origin \(POAO\) for human consumption \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)

References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU Legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 and can be viewed on the UK legislation website ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

2. Scope

Import conditions for raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products for human consumption.

‘Raw milk’ is defined in Regulation (EC) 853/2004 as milk produced by the secretion of the mammary gland of farmed animals that has **not** been heated to more than 40 °C or undergone any treatment that has an equivalent effect.

‘Dairy products’ are defined as processed products resulting from the processing of raw milk or from the further processing of such processed products.

‘Colostrum’ means the fluid secreted by the mammary glands of milk-producing animals up to three to five days post parturition that is rich in antibodies and minerals and precedes the production of raw milk.

‘Colostrum-based products’ means processed products resulting from the processing of colostrum or from the further processing of such processed products.

3. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from trading partners listed in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers. See the documents for milk and milk products at the links below.

- [Non-EU countries](#)
- [EU and EFTA countries](#)

Please note that colostrum can only be imported from countries listed in respect of Column A of the documents.

In addition, the country of origin must be listed for the appropriate species in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers, in accordance with Decision (EU) 2011/163 on the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by third countries. The relevant documents are accessible using the links above.

4. Approved establishments

Products must be produced in an establishment approved to export to Great Britain.

Consolidated lists of approved plants are available on data.gov.uk.

The above link does not include approved establishments in the EU. Until those are included please use the list found via this [link](#).

5. Health certification/documentation

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate (*), which can be found on GOV.UK.

The health certificates are based on the requirements included in Regulation (EU) 605/2010.

[Dairy and milk: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

The model health certificate required will depend on the product and the country of origin:

- Model health certificate '**milk-RMP**' is for dairy products derived from raw milk for human consumption from third countries or parts thereof authorised in column A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 605/2010.
- Model health certificate '**milk-HTB**' is for dairy products from the milk of cows, ewes, goats and buffaloes for human consumption from third countries or parts thereof authorised in column B of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 605/2010.
- Model health certificate '**milk-HTC**' is for dairy products for human consumption from third countries or parts thereof in column C of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 605/2010.
- Model health certificate '**milk-RM**' is for raw milk intended for human consumption from third countries or parts thereof in column A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 605/2010.
- Model health certificate '**C/CBP**' for colostrum of cows, ewes, goats and buffaloes intended for human consumption from third countries listed in column A to Regulation (EU) 605/2010

For dairy products for transit through/storage in the Great Britain, model certificate 'milk-T/S' should be used.

(*) Please note that this requirement applies to products in the high and medium risk categories. Further information regarding risk categories can be found at the links below.

[Check import risk categories, inspection rates and related rules for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Check import risk categories, inspection rates and related rules for animals and animal products imported from non-EU countries to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

6. Health and identification marks

Products referred to above must bear an identification mark in accordance with the requirements of [Regulation \(EC\) 853/2004](#). The mark must be applied before the product leaves the establishment.

7. Contact for further information

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Imports team:

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