

1.1 Milk products

1.1.1 Legislative authority

Health of Animals Regulations

Part III - Importation of Animal Products

- 34(1) and 34.1– Dairy Products and Certain Eggs

1.1.2 Policy statement

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) is a pathogen of particular concern in milk products due to its ability to be shed in the milk of an infected animal. An FMD outbreak could also have a devastating impact on Canada's livestock populations and international trade. Risk-based regulatory controls placed on the import of milk products are therefore focused on preventing the introduction of FMD into Canada. However, it should be noted that other diseases may also be taken into consideration in the development of import conditions..

1.1.3 Scope of commodities covered by this section

- Milk (lacteal secretion obtained from the mammary gland of any ruminant)
- Partly skimmed milk
- Skim milk
- Colostrum
- Cream
- Butter
- Buttermilk
- Butter oil (ghee)
- Whey (including whey protein concentrates)
- Whey butter
- Whey cream
- Products for animal consumption containing one or more of the regulated milk ingredients above
- Foods and beverages for human consumption containing one or more of the regulated milk ingredients above that are not consumer prepackaged at the time of import (including commodities imported in bulk) or are not shelf stable at ambient temperature before opening

in concentrated, dried, frozen, reconstituted or fresh form.

1.1.4 Not within the scope of this section

- Foods commonly recognized as dairy products that are not defined as milk products under the [Health of Animals Regulations](#) such as cheese, kashkh, yogurt, ice cream and kephir
- Foods and beverages for human consumption that are consumer prepackaged when imported and are shelf stable at ambient temperature before opening (applies to liquid and dry products)
- Food safety or public health requirements (refer to Food Imports)
- Premises licensing or approval
- Packaging and labelling requirements
- Interprovincial movement of milk products
- Export of milk products
- Single type (homogeneous) milk enzymes, milk proteins or milk sugars, such as the examples listed below:
 - Catalase
 - Lipase
 - Peroxidase
 - Phosphatase
 - Casein
 - Lactoferrin
 - Whey proteins:
 - Alpha-lactalbumin
 - Beta-lactoglobulin
 - Proteose peptones
 - Transferrin
 - Lactose (composed of glucose and galactose)

1.1.5 Roles and responsibilities

Note: This is not an exhaustive list.

CFIA Food Import Export Division (FIED)

- Determination of public health requirements for milk products intended for human consumption

CFIA Animal Import/Export Division

- Evaluation of the veterinary infrastructure and animal disease status of an exporting country, prior to allowing any importation, in collaboration with CFIA's Science Branch Animal Health Risk Assessment (AHRA) Unit
- Determination of animal health requirements for the import of milk products

CFIA Animal [Feed Division](#)

- Determination of requirements under the [Feeds Act](#) and [Regulations](#) for the import of animal feeds and feed ingredients, including milk ingredients

[CFIA Canadian Centre for Veterinary Biologics](#)

- Determination of requirements under the [Health of Animals Act](#) and [Regulations](#) for the import of bovine colostrum for use as an aid in the prevention of failure of passive transfer

1.1.6 Additional import requirements

One or more of the following requirements may apply

- Proof of origin
- Labelling requirements
- Treatment requirements such as pasteurization, Ultra-High Temperature (UHT), or low final pH (please see [Annex 3](#) for further details)
- Zoosanitary export certificate
- Originating from a country or zone designated free by Canada from foot and mouth disease
- Safe Food for Canadians Licence

Requirements for foods and beverages for human consumption containing regulated milk ingredients are determined based on risk assessment and may vary. Importers are directed to the [Automated Import Reference System](#) to locate the import conditions for the specific commodity of interest.

1.1.7 Other applicable legislation for milk products

Milk and milk products may also be required to comply with other legislation which may include, but is not limited to, the following

- [Safe Food for Canadians Act](#) and [Regulations](#)

- [Food and Drugs Act](#)
- [Export and Import Permits Act](#) – import controls, including issuance of import permits, for dairy products subject to supply management under the Export and Import Permits Act are administered by [Global Affairs Canada, Supply-Managed Trade Controls Division](#)

It is the importer's responsibility to comply with all applicable legislation.