

EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



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PROTOCOL

The Department of Agriculture (DoA) of the Republic of South Africa and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) have agreed to the following inspection, quarantine and sanitary requirements for the export of dairy products from the Republic of South Africa to the People's Republic of China.



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Paragraph 1

The DoA will be responsible for inspection, quarantine, sanitary conditions and issuance of health certificates for dairy products to be exported to China.

Paragraph 2

The DoA shall be responsible for providing the GACC with the laws and regulations governing dairy stock animal health, as well as the procedures and standards for the export of dairy products.



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Paragraph 3

The DoA shall be responsible for providing information on the prevention and control system related to the diseases listed in Paragraph 5 of this Protocol and immediately notify the GACC of the animal disease situation defined by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) as notifiable.

The DoA shall annually provide GACC with the national annual residue monitoring plan and residue monitoring report.

If necessary, GACC may send experts to South Africa to conduct on-site inspection of the above-mentioned system and management status with the necessary assistance provided by the DoA.



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Paragraph 4

The DoA confirms that:

- (1) South Africa has established effective system to ensure that raw milk is from healthy dairy stocks and complies with the requirements of Paragraph 5.
- (2) South Africa currently implements effective traceability system to ensure that the dairy products can be traced back to the farms that breed the dairy stock.
- (3) The raw milk of the dairy products exported by South Africa to China originate from South Africa and is of bovine origin.



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Paragraph 5

The dairy stock used to provide raw milk for the dairy products exported to China shall comply with the following conditions:

(1) Come from farms that comply with the following conditions:

- a) The dairy farms on which the Foot and Mouth Disease quarantine restrictions have been lifted for at least 2 months.
- b) Anthrax has not been confirmed in the farms in the past 12 months.
- c) The dairy farms are free from brucellosis, bovine tuberculosis, para tuberculosis, rinderpest, rift valley fever, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
- d) The farms are under the supervision of the DoA.
- e) South Africa has implemented the relevant regulations of WOAHA which requires continuous monitoring and reporting of outbreaks of diseases to WOAHA.



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- (2) The animals have not been fed with feed prohibited by South Africa and China.
- (3) The DoA shall develop and implement a national annual residue monitoring plan in accordance with the relevant regulations of South Africa and Chinese national food safety standard (Raw milk GB 19301).
- (4) The manufacturer must test the dairy products for tests that are not part of the national annual residue monitoring plan, in accordance with the relevant regulations of South Africa and Chinese national food safety standard.
- (5) According to the national annual residue monitoring plan and raw milk test results, the residue levels of veterinary medicines, pesticides, as well as the residues of other toxic and hazardous substance in the dairy products to be exported to China should not exceed the maximum limits stipulated by Chinese standards.



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Paragraph 6

- (1) The manufacturers exporting dairy products to China should be approved or registered and controlled by the DoA and will comply with the requirements of China and South Africa on animal health and public health.
- (2) The raw milk used by the manufacturers will come from farms complying with the requirements of Article 5 of this Protocol.
- (3) The manufacturers will be registered with GACC in accordance with the Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China and Administrative Provisions on Registration of Overseas Manufacturers of Import Foods of the People's Republic of China. The products from the dairy product manufacturer not registered with GACC are not allowed for export to China.



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Paragraph 7

The official inspectors of South Africa will ensure that:

- (1) The state inspector for veterinary inspection of South Africa monitors and implement appropriate measures for the inspection and quarantine on the dairy farms according to the laws and regulations of South Africa.
- (2) All dairy farms comply with requirements of Article 5 of this Protocol, and the animals are healthy.
- (3) According to the test results of the national annual residue monitoring plan and raw milk test results of South Africa, the residue levels of veterinary medicines, pesticides, as well as the residues of other toxic and hazardous substances in the raw milk used, do not exceed the maximum limits stipulated by China.



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- (4) The raw milk used to process dairy products contains no milk during the use of antibiotics and withdrawal period or deteriorated milk, and colostrum (except for processing bovine colostrum powder).
- (5) The product is subjected one of the following processing procedures:
- a) Adopting the sterilization procedure (ultra – high temperature UHT) at the minimum temperature of 132°C for at least 1s, or
 - b) If the pH value of milk is lower than 7.0, adopting the sterilization procedure (high temperature-short time HTST) at the minimum temperature of 72°C for at least 15s, or
 - c) If the pH value of milk is 7.0 or above, HTST procedure will be carried out twice.



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- (6)The dairy product is produced by the manufacturers in South Africa under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture and complies with the laws and regulations of South Africa.
- (7)The product complies with the food safety standards of China, and is safe, hygienic and fit for human consumption.
- (8)If any violation of the above-mentioned requirements is identified ,the DoA will immediately notify GACC, and suspend the export of any products from the relevant manufacturers.



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Paragraph 8

- (1) The dairy products not complying with the requirements of Article 5 and Article 7 of this Protocol shall not be processed together with the dairy products to be exported to China.
- (2) The dairy products to be exported to China should be readily identifiable at all stages of processing and storage to ensure that only the products meeting the requirements of this Protocol are allowed for export to China.



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Paragraph 9

- (1)The dairy products destined for China shall be wrapped and packaged with brand new materials complying with Chinese standards.
- (2)The inner packing shall comply with the relevant regulations of the People's Republic of China.

Paragraph 10

During the whole process of packaging, storage and transportation, the dairy products shall meet the hygienic requirements and shall be protected from contamination by toxic and hazardous substances.



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Paragraph 11

- (1) Each consignment of dairy products to be exported to China will be accompanied by an original official health certificate attesting that the dairy products meet the requirements of this Protocol.
- (2) The format and content of the veterinary health certificate should be mutually confirmed and agreed upon in advance by both sides, veterinary health certificate should be written in Chinese and English.
- (3) The certificate shall not be altered and shall bear the official seal and signature of official veterinarian, and the destination shall be China.



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Paragraph 12

- (1) Once any infectious disease indicated in Article 5 of this Protocol occurs in the dairy farm where the raw milk comes from, or a serious contamination incident threatening human health occurs in the processing establishment, South Africa shall immediately notify GACC of the relevant information.
- (2) For resuming export to China from the above-mentioned dairy farm or processing establishment, a detailed report containing information on the occurrence of the infectious disease or contamination incident, retrospective investigation and prevention & control measures.



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(3) If the imported dairy products are found non-compliant with the requirements of this Protocol by GACC, it will immediately notify the DoA and seek the return, destruction, or other treatment of the products.

Paragraph 13

(1) The dairy product mentioned in this Protocol refers to the food processed from bovine milk as the main raw material, including milk powder, yoghurt, butter, cream, pasteurised milk, whey powder, cheese and processed cheese etc.

(2) The DoA should guarantee that the dairy products to be exported to China are properly thermally processed according to Paragraphs 7/(5) of this Protocol.



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Paragraph 14

This Protocol can be amended by mutual consent in written form; the effective date of the amendment will be decided through consultation between the two sides. Such amendment will form an integral part of this Protocol.

Article 15

Either side may request consultation through official channel at any time. The time and venue of consultation shall be discussed and decided by both sides.



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Article 16

This Protocol will come into force on the date of signing. It will remain effective for 5 years and be automatically extended for another 5 years unless either side formally notify the other side in written form its intention to terminate the Protocol at least 6 months prior to the end of the first 5 years.



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