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Food Safety Agency**

**Veterinary Requirements
to Importing milk and dairy products to Azerbaijan Republic**

It is allowed to import to Azerbaijan Republic milk and dairy products obtained from healthy animals from farms which are officially free from infectious animal diseases and produced at the milk processing enterprises having permission of the central state veterinary service of the exporting country for delivery of products to the export and being under its permanent control.

Milk and dairy products are produced and shipped from farms and administrative territories of free from infectious animal diseases, including:

- African swine fever - during the last 3 years on the administrative territory of the country;

- Foot and mouth disease, Rinderpest, bovine contagious pleuropneumonia and vesicular stomatitis - during the last 12 months on the administrative territory of the country;

- Bovine brucellosis, leucosis, tuberculosis and paratuberculosis - during the last 12 months on the farm's territory;

- brucellosis of sheep and goats - during the last 2 years on the farm's territory;

- sheep pox and goat pox - during the last 6 months on the farm's territory.

Milk and dairy products are obtained from animals that haven't been fed with feeding-stuff containing raw materials, developed using genetic engineering methods or other genetically modified sources.

Importation of the following milk and dairy products to Azerbaijan Republic are not allowed:

- seeded with salmonella or other bacterial infections;

- treated with coloring substances, ionizing radiation or ultraviolet rays;

- containing natural or synthetic estrogenic, hormonal substances

thyreostatic drugs, antibiotics, pesticides, and other medicinal substances.

Milk used for the production of dairy products has undergone a thermal treatment sufficient to destroy pathogenic microorganisms that pose a danger to human health.

The dairy products supplied must be subjected to a processing process, which should ensure the absence of a viable pathogenic flora. Dairy products are recognized as suitable by the competent state service of the exporting country for human consumption and free sale without restrictions.

The fulfillment of the conditions set out in the present requirements must be fully elaborated:

1. A veterinary certificate issued by a state veterinarian of the exporting country indicating the health of the administrative territory (country, state, province, etc.) of the above-mentioned diseases;
2. A certificate of quality issued by authorized supervisory authority of the exporting country (inspectorate, laboratory, etc.) confirming that heavy metals, mycotoxins, pesticides and total beta activities are not higher than the units presented.

Shipment of milk and dairy products to the Azerbaijan Republic is possible only after the obtaining a permission by the importer from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.