



# Conditions Governing the Importation of Dairy Milk and Dairy Milk Products (For Human Consumption) into the Cayman Islands

*Animals Law (2015 Revision)*

All dairy milk and dairy milk products (i.e. cheese, powdered milk, yoghurt, cream etc.) for human consumption imported into the Cayman Islands whether for commercial or personal use shall meet the following conditions:

- (i) The dairy milk or dairy milk product must have undergone pasteurisation/ heat treatment methodologies using one of the following:
  - a. High Temperature Short Time (HTST) – the milk is heated to 71.7°C for 15 seconds; or
  - b. Low Temperature Long Time (LTLT) - The milk is heated to 63°C for 30 minutes; or
  - c. Ultra- High Temperature (UHT) - The milk is heated to at least 138°C for at least 2 seconds; or
  - d. The milk is heated to the following treatment variations:
    - i. Heated to at least 89°C for a minimum of one (1.0) second
    - ii. Heated to at least 96°C for a minimum of 0.05 seconds
    - iii. Heated to at least 100°C for a minimum of 0.01 second
- (ii) Powdered dairy milk products must have undergone the process of spray drying or drum drying (**freeze drying is not acceptable**);
- (iii) For cheese – the dairy milk used in making cheese must have undergone pasteurization/ heat treatment methodology as listed under section (i);
- (iv) All dairy milk and dairy milk products must be properly labeled and indicated to have been regulated by the exporting country

## Types of Consignments and Licences

**Commercial Consignment:** An importer with a local trade and business licence, who intends to import a consignment or multiple consignments of any weight. *An importation licence is required.*

**Personal Consignment:** An importer who intends to import, for personal consumption over one (1) gallon of pasteurised milk and/or one (1) kilogram (2.2 lbs) of pasteurised cheese. ***An import licence is required.***

**Licence's:** The abovementioned importers **must** acquire a Milk Import Licence from the Department of Agriculture **prior** to importation. The fee is **CI\$50.00** for Single Entry License, and **CI\$150.00** for a Multiple Entry License.

## Importation of Dairy Milk and Dairy Milk Products in Passenger Baggage for Personal Use

Individual traveling passengers are allowed to import a small quantity of unpasteurized dairy milk products (less than 0.5 lbs. of soft cheeses and less than 1.0 lbs. of hard cheeses) for personal consumption only. These small quantities of unpasteurised dairy milk products are prohibited for resale to the general public.

Pasteurised dairy milk and cheese products that are less than the limit for personal consignment may be imported without an import licence provided the original packaging is intact and the packaging bears the inspection mark/icon from the competent government authority.