

ALERT - UNDER 10% ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Warning:

Biosecurity is your responsibility. Heavy Penalties Apply. If in Doubt, Declare It.

In maintaining and promoting safety standards for Fiji, the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF), has reviewed the import requirements of highly processed shelf stable food items from selective countries into Fiji. This is pertaining to the percentage of animal product contents for certain products. BAF allows highly processed shelf stable food items from selective countries with animal ingredients up to 10%.

Shelf-stable food is food that can be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container. This includes foods that would normally be refrigerated but which have been processed so that they can be safely stored at room or ambient temperature for a long shelf life.

This alert is applicable to food items that are highly processed shelf stable and do not have clear food labels that can state the composition.

The products must be:

- Shelf stable;
- Commercially prepared and sealed packed;
- In its original packaging on arrival;
- The Products must have the labeling on the package in the English language and
- Must; State country of origin; and have the ingredient list with composition of each ingredient. E.g. dairy, egg powder etc.

Animal ingredients up to 10% will only be allowed from the following countries:

1. United State of America (USA)
2. Canada
3. United Kingdom
4. France
5. Japan
6. Australia
7. New Zealand

All products being imported into Fiji must meet the criteria outlined above and will be subject to clearance upon meeting BAF's conditions including:

1. An Import Permit from BAF
2. A detail manufacture declaration issued by manufacturer in their official letterhead stating percentage (%) of animal ingredients in the final products, country of origin of products, type of processing (heat treatment with duration) the product has gone through.

The products containing animal ingredients must be declared and consignments are subject to inspection at port of entry, the border and post-border for biosecurity purposes.

For further clarifications do not hesitate to contact the BAF Permits team at BAF Headquarters on 3312512 Ext 124 or alternatively, on email: info@baf.com.fj & animalimports@com.fj

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