

# BAF EXEMPTS INFANT FORMULA FROM IMPORT PERMIT FEE

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## **Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) has further reviewed the import requirements and specifications for infant formula into Fiji.**

**In line with the Fijian Government's vision to facilitate the importation of infant formula and pursuant to section 39(1) of the Biosecurity Act 2008, BAF hereby exempts all import fees payable on the importation of infant formula from Australia and New Zealand.**

Kindly be reminded that at present the import pathway allows for the importation of all patented infant formulas which have met the requirements of the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) and are approved for sale in Australia and New Zealand provided that all import conditions are met.

### **Conditions for Personal Import**

BAF will allow up to 10kg/22.04lbs of infant formula per individual person to be imported into Fiji if it is accompanied with a retail outlet receipt verifying its purchase from either Australia or New Zealand.

### **Conditions for Commercial Import**

Any import of infant formula greater than 10kg/22.04lbs will be considered a commercial consignment. BAF will allow the importation of commercial consignments provided that they are accompanied by a valid BAF Import Permit and a Manufacturer's Declaration.

**In accordance with section 39(2) of the Biosecurity Act 2008, the exemption from import fees applies only to single importations. Therefore, BAF will not issue any import permits for multiple commercial importations.**

### **General Import Conditions**

The infant formula must be shelf stable, commercially processed and manufactured; not partially processed, a homemade product or an intermediate product.

Labels on the infant formula package must be in the English language stating the:

- i. country of manufacturing;
- ii. country of origin; and
- iii. ingredient list with % composition of each ingredient.

The infant formula must be declared and the import is subject to inspection at port of entry for biosecurity purposes.

The import conditions for infant formula may change without notification depending on the animal disease status of the country of origin.

### **What can you do?**

BAF Import Permit Application Forms can be obtained from the BAF website: [www.baf.com.fj](http://www.baf.com.fj) or requested via email to [animalimports@baf.com.fj](mailto:animalimports@baf.com.fj).

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