



BIOSECURITY NOTICE ON THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Import Requirements for the Importation of Condensed and Evaporated Milk Products into Fiji for Commercial and Personal Purposes

Warning:

Biosecurity is your responsibility. Heavy penalties apply if you breach biosecurity import requirements. If in doubt about import requirements, please contact the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji.

The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) has reviewed the import requirements for the importation of shelf-stable condensed and evaporated milk products from selected countries into Fiji for personal and commercial use. All importers must meet the import requirements when importing condensed and evaporated milk products from the countries listed below. Otherwise specifically advised by BAF, the restrictions will remain for the importation of other dairy products from all the countries into Fiji.

Shelf-stable food is food that is processed in a manner that can be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container or packaging. This includes foods that would normally be stored on shelves at room or ambient temperature for a usefully long shelf life and are refrigerated after opening the sealed container or packaging.

List of Selected Countries

Pacific:	Europe:	Americas:
Australia	Belgium Italy Sweden	United States of America
New Zealand	Denmark Lithuania Switzerland	Canada
	France Netherlands United Kingdom	Mexico
	Germany Spain	

The condensed and evaporated milk products that are manufactured in the above-listed countries using dairy ingredients, either locally produced or officially imported raw dairy ingredients, can be imported directly from an above-listed country meeting Fiji's import requirements. Any dairy ingredients used in the finished products must be sourced, produced, and imported from a country that is free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) and lumpy skin disease (LSD).

Personal Importation

An **import permit is not required** when importing **shelf-stable Condensed and Evaporated Milk** products directly from the above-listed countries into Fiji for personal use and must meet the General import requirements highlighted below.

Additionally, **shelf-stable Condensed and Evaporated Milk** can be imported indirectly from a third country listed above without an import permit and meeting Fiji's import requirements stipulated on this Biosecurity notice (*i.e. Manufactured in a country (e.g. United States of America) listed above and officially imported into another country (e.g. United Kingdom) listed above and then export from the said country (United Kingdom) listed above into Fiji*)



Restrictions are in place for the importation of other dairy products from any country as practiced before. The products imported under personal allowance must not be retailed or distributed and it is strictly prohibited.

For personal importation, the maximum allowance of **shelf-stable Condensed and Evaporated Milk** products is **2kg** per passenger or shipment.

Commercial Importation

Before importation of the products, an **import permit from BAF is required** when importing **shelf stable Condensed and Evaporated Milk** products from the above-listed countries into Fiji as commercial importation.

The dairy ingredients contained in the products must be of bovine origin only. The dairy ingredients must also originate from and must be imported from the selected countries. An Importer must comply with the general import requirements highlighted in this notice and specific import permit requirements before the consignment departs the exporting country. Please contact the BAF Animal Permit team at animalimports@baf.com.fj to obtain the specific import requirements.

General Import Requirements

The products must be;

- shelf stable.
- commercially prepared and hermetically sealed.
- contained the dairy ingredients of bovine origin only.
- imported from the countries listed above.
- contained dairy ingredients sourced, produced, and imported from a country that is free from FMD and LSD.
- Imported only for human consumption and must not be for other purposes including animal consumption.
- in its original packaging on arrival.
- presented with original retail receipts or invoices from the above-listed countries.
- labeled in legible English language, stating the product name, manufacturer, ingredient list, and country of origin or manufacture, and must clearly identify the product.
- complied with all other requirements under the regulations of respective regulatory authorities, not limited to food safety requirements in Fiji before the importation.
- **declared** upon arrival in Fiji and consignments or the products are subject to inspection at the port of entry, the border, and post-border for biosecurity purposes.

This notice covers only the products containing dairy ingredients and therefore, importers must contact BAF before importing any product containing animal products/ingredients including derivatives of the same. All dairy products of Australia, New Zealand, and France origin are allowed as previously practiced.

If you are unsure if your product intended for import meets the above requirements or wish to import a new product that contains animal ingredients into Fiji, please contact the BAF animal permit team (animalimports@baf.com.fj) before importation in order to ascertain whether the product will meet Fiji's import requirements and for further guidance and support.

The requirements highlighted in this biosecurity notice will be implemented and enforced from the date of issue of this notice.

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 and animalimports@baf.com.fj.

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