

## IMPORTATION OF SHELF STABLE BAKED PRODUCTS CONTAINING ANIMAL INGREDIENTS

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) has assessed and reviewed the commercial and personal importation of fully cooked and shelf stable baked, ready to eat products containing egg and dairy ingredients from other countries into Fiji for human consumption. These products include biscuits, bread, baked pastries, or cakes (excluding mooncakes and uncooked cheese cakes) which are fully cooked. Restrictions will remain for the importation of other products including food products from any country into Fiji.

This alert is applicable to food items that are fully cooked or baked, ready to eat, and do not have a clear percentage of animal ingredients highlighted on the product labels that can state the composition of the animal products. The following details need to be visible on the product label in legible English language and these are mandatory requirements:

1. Products to be fully cooked or baked i.e. at 180-230°C for more than 20 minutes or an equivalent condition.
2. Products to be shelf stable.
3. Products to be commercially processed and packaged, and the package has not been broken or opened. Home-made products are not allowed.
4. Products should be stored at room temperature and not require refrigeration or freezing prior to the opening of the package.
5. Label to state country of origin.
6. Contents to show a combination of ingredients of animal origin (i.e. egg powder, butter etc.) in the ingredients listing. If possible, the manufacturer can state the collective percentage of animal ingredients on the label, this would be more appropriate.
7. Products to be used for human consumption.
8. Products must not contain any toppings or fillings e.g., whipped cream, custard, fruits, etc.
9. Products should not contain meat or meat-based ingredients.
10. For personal importation, the product should not be home-made or packaged at home.



The manufacturer's declaration (MD) must contain all of the above and packaging details must be in English. BAF may request additional information regarding details of consignment, packaging, and destination of products.

If the processed products meet the above-mentioned requirements, the products will be allowed to be imported without requiring a BAF permit from any country.

If you are unsure if your product intended for import meets the above requirements, please contact the BAF Animal Import team for clarification. If you wish to import a new product that contains animal ingredients, into Fiji, please do contact BAF team before importation in order to ascertain whether the product will meet the above criteria and for further guidance and support.

This alert is applicable for both commercial and personal importation.

For further queries, regarding permit prior to import any product, please contact the BAF's permit team via email [info@baf.com.fj](mailto:info@baf.com.fj) and [animalimports@com.fj](mailto:animalimports@com.fj).

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