

Exports of Dairy Products to Korea (Regulations)



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Regulations applied to imported livestock products

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases
 - Livestock Products Sanitary Control Act
- Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (for dairy products)
 - Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control (04.02.2016)
 - Food sanitation act (Standards on foods and additives)
 - Livestock Products Sanitary Control Act
 - Act on Labeling and Advertising of Foods



Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control

History: Food risk incidents in 2000-2010









- Melamine milk powder incident, 2008
- Parasitic eggs in imported Kimchi, 2005
- Rotten radish in imported dumplings, 2004
- Lead in imported crab and fisheries, 2000



Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control

- Agency -> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety in 2013
- Special Act enacted in 2016

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Act is to contribute to sound order in trade and to improving people's health by ensuring the safety of imported food, etc., promoting improvement in the quality thereof, and providing proper information.



Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control

- Main changes
 - Processed livestock products are subject to G2G negotiations
 - Dairy products, egg processed products, sterilized meat products (per each category of products)
 - Import health conditions, import health certificates, establishment approval
 - 4-5 years of negotiations for dairy products



Labelling requirements

- Act on Labeling and Advertising of Foods
- Organic dairy products can use the EU leaf if certified under the Council Regulation (EC) no. 834/2007.
- Label heat treatment conditions
- Expiry date under revision to replace it with Consumption date on certain livestock products
- Package Recycling evaluation and labelling



Dairy products authorized for imports from Poland

- **Fermented Milks** Fermented Milk, Thick fermented Milk, Fermented Cream, Thick fermented cream, Fermented butter milk, Fermented milk powder
- Butters Butter, Processed butter, Butter oil
- Powdered Milks Whole milk powder, Skim milk powder, Sweetened milk powder, Mixed milk powder
- Ice Creams Ice cream, Low-fat ice cream, Ice milk, Sherbet, Non-fat ice cream
- Milks pasteurized or sterilized raw milk
- Wheys Whey, Concentrated whey, Whey Protein Powder
- Cheeses Natural cheese, Processed cheese (containing not less than 18% milk solids derived from natural cheese, products containing less than 18% milk solids derived from natural cheese can be classified as Imitation Cheese manufactured from edible fat and oil etc, which can be imported to Republic of Korea as a non-livestock product without the Health Certificate for dairy products)



Products under negotiations (2021-)

- Infant formula, Concentrated Milks, Milk Creams, Hydrolyzed Protein Products, Butter milk, Lactose, Lactose-hydrolyzed milk.
- Food Code for specifications and definitions of products: Recommended to be consulted with a local importer
- Food Code available in English for category verifications:

https://www.mfds.go.kr/eng/brd/m_15/view.do?seq=69982&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=&srchTp=&itm_seq 1=0&itm_seq 2=0&multi_itm_seq=0&company_cd=&company_nm=&page=3



Health Certificate

- Must accompany a health certificate with a duplicate for submission to two Ministries (MFDS + Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency)
- Form download:
 - 1. Website of Polish authorities "General Veterinary Inspectorate"

https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/handel-eksport-import/korea-poludniowa

2. MFDS website

https://www.mfds.go.kr/brd/m 563/view.do?seq=32724&srchFr=&srchT o=&srchWord=&srchTp=0&itm seq 2=257&multi itm seq=0&company cd=&company nm=&Data stts gubun=C9999&page=1



Establishment approval

• Submit the form to the Polish General Veterinary Inspectorate:

https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/handel-eksport-import/korea-poludniowa

- The list will be submitted to the Korean authorities through the Polish authorities
- Inspections and document verifications
- First enlistment must go through a physical audit
- List of approved establishments are available in the MFDS website:

https://impfood.mfds.go.kr/CFKAA03F01



- Milk or cream powder less than 1.5 percent fat and buttermilk,
- Milk and cream powder sweetened and unsweetened over 1.5

percent fat (whole milk powder)

- Milk and cream (evaporated) sweetened or unsweetened and/or not concentrated
- Tariff (176% or 89% depending on HS code)
- After year 16, the in-quota quantity shall remain the same as the quantity of year 16.
- The Korea Agro-Fisheries Trade Corporation administers these TRQs and allocates the in-quota quantity through quarterly auctions (December, March, June and September).

Year	Quantity
	(Metric Tons)
1	1,000
2	1,000
3	1,030
4	1,060
4 5 6	1,092
	1,125
7	1,159
8	1,194
9	1,229
10	1,266
11	1,304
12	1,343
13	1,384
14	1,425
15	1,468
16	1,512



- Food whey (tariff: 49.5%)
- The Korea Dairy Industries Association administers these TRQs and allocated the in-quota quantity to historical and new importers using a licensing system.

Year	Quantity
	(Metric Tons)
1	3,350
2	3,350
3	3,450
4	3,554
5 6	3,660
6	3,770
7	3,883
8	4,000
9	4,120
10	4,243
11	Unlimited



- Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk (tariff: 89%)
- The Korea Agro-Fisheries Trade Corporation administers these TRQs and allocates the in-quota quantity by auction.

Year	Quantity
	(Metric Tons)
1	350
2	350
3	360
4	371
5	382
6	393
7	405
8	417
9	430
10	443
11	Unlimited



Fresh, curd grated or powdered, processed, and all other cheeses (tariff: 36%)

• The Korea Dairy Industries Association administers these TRQs and allocates the in-quota quantity to historical and new importers through a licensing system.

Year	Quantity
	(Metric Tons)
1	4,560
2	4,560
3	4,696
4 5	4,837
5	4,982
6	5,132
7	5,286
8	5,444
9	5,608
10	5,776
11	5,949
12	6,128
13	6,312
14	6,501
15	6,696
16	Unlimited



Prepared dry milk and other (tariff: 36 or 40% depending on HS code)

• The Korea Dairy Industries Association administers these TRQs and allocates the in-quota quantity to historical and new importers through a licensing system.

Year	Quantity
	(Metric Tons)
1	450
2	450
3	463
4	477
5	491
6	506
7	521
8	537
9	553
10	570
11	Unlimited



Dextrins (tariff: 385.7%)

• The Korea Agro-Fisheries Trade
Corporation administers the licenses
for these TRQs starting on the first
business day of the first month of each
year on a first-come, first-served basis,
in response to written applications that it
receives. Between the first business day
and the last day of the first month of each
year, if the aggregate TRQ quantity
requested by the applicants exceeds the

Year	Quantity (Metric Tons)
1	28,000
2	28,000
3	30,500
4	33,000
5 6	35,000
6	36,050
7	37,131
8	38,245
9	39,392
10	40,574
11	41,791
12	43,045
13	Unlimited

total TRQ quantity for that year, the Corporation allocates the TRQ quantities among applicants on a *pro rata* basis.



Access2Markets website

https://trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/home

Trade barriers:

https://trade.ec.europa.eu/access-tomarkets/en/barriers/results?isSps=§ors=20&countries=KR&lastUpdated= ANYTIME&showOnlyNew=false&showOnlyResolved=false

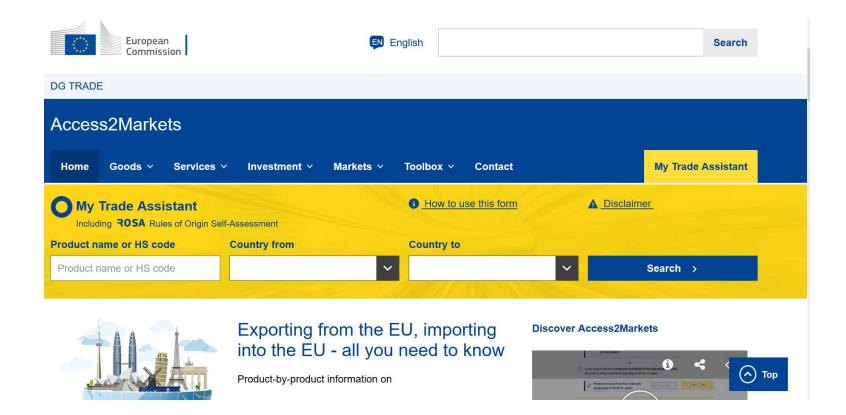
 Chief Trade Enforcement Officer and Single Entry Point for EU companies and trade organisations/NGOs for complaints:

https://ec.europa.eu/trade/trade-policy-and-you/contacts/chief-tradeenforcement-officer/

 First verification should be approached to the Polish Embassy / Polish investment agency



Access2Markets website





COVID influence

- Delays in negotiations due to postponed on-site inspections
- Temporary trade facilitation measures
- Growing demand on e-certification (need an EU harmonized certificate)



Contact

General Veterinary Inspectorate

"General Veterinary Inspectorate" is a government affiliated organization under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland and Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Seoul supports the communication on G2G level.





Thank you!