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MoFAHD Notifies in Regard to the Veterinary Health Certificate for the Import of Milk and Milk Products into India

On 31st March 2023, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) issued a notification regarding the Veterinary Health Certificate for the import of Milk and Milk Products into India.

It states that the integrated Veterinary Health Certificate for import of Milk and Milk Products into India, incorporating DAHD's sanitary requirements and FSSAI's food safety requirements, has to be certified by the exporting country along with the consignments to be exported into India has been attached to the document.

The exporting country may provide a single Veterinary Health Certificate, certified by an official veterinarian, or a certificate with an annexure in accordance with its requirements; this option has been retained to promote trade in consideration of varying regulations in exporting countries.

The revised integrated Veterinary Health certificate (VHC) will be in force with immediate effect. However, considering the "Ease of Doing Business, it will be entirely in operation after a transition time of 60 days, i.e. veterinary Health certificate by DAHD issued on dated December 24, or integrated VCH from exporting country with consignments will be considered for post-Import clearance into India during migration time of 60 days.

Any proposal of mutual agreement on the clauses related to DAHDs sanitary requirements or FSSAI food safety requirements shall be routed through this Department to avoid ambiguity in the future.

It states that the FSSAI will carry out food safety-related conversations and agreements and will keep DAHD updated. However, any request for mutual agreement on veterinary health certifications for the export of milk and milk products into India shall be decided by this Department in accordance with the mandate granted by the Government of India while also taking a holistic approach.

Official Notification Attached [Here](#)



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