Establishing and Maintaining Lists of U.S. Milk Product Manufacturers/Processors with Interest in Exporting - Written/Electronic Submission Process

The United States exports a large volume and variety of foods in international trade. For certain food products, foreign governments may require assurances from the responsible authority of the country of origin of an imported food that the processor of the food is in compliance with applicable country of origin regulatory requirements. With regard to U.S. milk products, FDA is the competent U.S. food safety authority to provide this information to foreign governments. FDA provides the requested information about processors in the form of lists, which are provided to the foreign governments and posted online (/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ImportsExports/Exporting/default.htm).

Currently, FDA provides Chile, China, and the European Union (EU) with a list of U.S. milk product manufacturers/processors that: 1) have expressed interest in exporting their products to these countries; 2) are subject to FDA's jurisdiction; and, 3) are not the subject of a pending judicial enforcement action (i.e., an injunction or seizure or a pending warning letter).

Written Submissions

U.S. manufacturers and processors of milk products can request to be included on a list of eligible exporting facilities in writing. Written submissions are explained in the following guidance documents:

- Guidance for Industry: Establishing and Maintaining a List of U.S. Milk Product Manufacturers/Processors with Interest in Exporting to China (/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/ucm378777.htm)
- Guidance for Industry and FDA: Establishing and Maintaining a List of U.S. Dairy Product Manufacturers/Processors with Interest in Exporting to Chile (/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/ucm078936.htm)

Electronic Submissions - New Electronic Registry System

FDA has launched a new electronic system that U.S. manufacturers and processors of milk products can use to request to be included on a list of eligible exporting facilities to facilitate meeting a foreign country's requirements. Some foreign countries use a list to identify U.S. manufacturers and processors that are eligible to ship milk products to their countries.

The FDA Unified Registration and Listing Systems (FURLS) Dairy Listing Module (DLM) allows U.S. manufacturers and processors of milk products to apply for inclusion on these lists, update listing information, and reapply for lists as necessary. The FDA will use the information collected through the DLM, the electronic application portal, to review the application and update the lists on a regular basis. The DLM improves the FDA's ability to efficiently process firms' requests to be added to the lists, monitor listed firms, and generate lists for foreign regulatory agencies.

Beginning July 25, 2016, new applications and biennial updates for currently listed firms will be processed using the DLM. Firms interested in exporting milk products to these countries may submit an application through the module to be considered for the applicable list(s). To ensure a successful transition to the electronic system, we strongly encourage U.S. manufacturers and processors of milk products that are currently listed on the Chile, China, or EU milk product lists to submit a new application via the DLM. Firms currently listed on the milk product list for Chile are due for a biennial update in September 2016. These firms should submit a new application for the Chile list via DLM.

Firms needing additional information can contact the Office of Food Safety at <u>DLM-OFS@fda.hhs.gov</u>).

FDA Unified Registration and Listing Systems (FURLS) Dairy Listing Module (DLM) (http://www.access.fda.gov/)

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