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Report Highlights:

As a follow up to the September audits of the U.S. food safety system for dairy products by Indonesian regulators, the Governments of the United States and Indonesia agreed to a process for facilitating the issuance of import permits to Indonesian importers which import dairy products from the United States.

General Information:

On June 4, 2009 the Government of Indonesia (GOI) issued Law 18/2009 on Animal Health which requires plant-by-plant audits for any country wishing to export dairy products to Indonesia. In response, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposed to conduct an audit of the food safety system for dairy instead of plant-by-plant inspections. Subsequently, Indonesian auditors visited the United States during September 19 – 23, 2011 and audited the U.S. food safety system for dairy products.

Based on the results of audits, Indonesian and U.S. officials agreed to an arrangement on the process for ensuring that Indonesian importers of U.S. dairy products can acquire the necessary import recommendation from the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture (MOA).

The agreed procedure is outlined as follows:

1. Each U.S. dairy plant wishing to export to Indonesia must submit a completed, revised questionnaire, along with supporting documents required under the questionnaire.
2. If U.S. dairy products are sent to a repacking facility prior to shipment to Indonesia, the repacking facility must also submit the completed [revised questionnaire](#).
3. Point F.1. of the questionnaire requires each U.S. dairy plant wishing to export to Indonesia to submit a HACCP process flowchart which explains each Critical Control Point (CCP), and the HACCP Summary Plan explaining the corrective actions for the CCP. Examples of the required supporting documents for each type of product are as follows:
 - a. [HACCP Product Process Flow Chart](#)
 - b. [CCP Decision Tree](#)
 - c. [HACCP Summary Plan](#)
4. In addition to the establishment number under point A.2. of the questionnaire, U.S. dairy plants wishing to export to Indonesia must cite which U.S. government dairy plant list(s) under which they are listed. U.S. government plant lists that will be used by DGLAHS for reference in reviewing the questionnaire are:
 - a. “USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Dairy Plants Surveyed and Approved” list
 - b. “Food and Drugs Agency (FDA) Interstate Milk Shippers” list.
5. The importer(s) of any U.S. dairy establishments wishing to export to Indonesia are responsible for submitting the softcopy of the completed questionnaire and required supporting documents to FAS Jakarta. These will be saved in **ONE** PDF file and can be sent to FAS Jakarta via the following email address: meylinahs@state.gov
6. FAS Jakarta will then provide a cover letter for the questionnaire, which will satisfy the requirement for the Veterinary Authority Verification noted in point H of the questionnaire.
7. After FAS Jakarta has verified the establishment is listed in the U.S. government plant lists and

the Agricultural Counselor signs the cover letter, FAS Jakarta will submit the hard copy of the questionnaire and the supporting documents to DGLAHS.

8. If the supporting documents are complete, DGLAHS will review the documents, and will finish the document review within one month from the submission date.
9. Once the questionnaire is submitted to DGLAHS, it is the obligation of the importer to follow up on the progress of the document review as well as the progress to obtain import recommendation directly to DGLAHS.
10. Once the document review is completed, DGLAHS will put the name of the plant into the “List of U.S. Dairy Plants Eligible to Export to Indonesia/ LIST UNIT USAHA PRODUK SUSU DI AMERIKA SERIKAT” maintained by DGLAHS.
11. Currently there are 53 plants on the “[List of U.S. Dairy Plants Eligible to Export to Indonesia/ LIST UNIT USAHA PRODUK SUSU DI AMERIKA SERIKAT](#)” maintained by DGLAHS.
12. DGLAHS will update the published list quarterly at the same month when “USDA/AMS USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Dairy Plants Surveyed and Approved” list is updated.
13. FAS Jakarta will put the updated list on <http://www.usdaindonesia.org> in order for Indonesian dairy importers and U.S. dairy suppliers to be able to see it.
14. Although the “List of U.S. Dairy Plants Eligible to Export to Indonesia/ LIST UNIT USAHA PRODUK SUSU DI AMERIKA SERIKAT” will be updated quarterly, once the document review of a U.S. dairy plant is completed and import recommendation from DGLAHS is secured by the Indonesian importer, the importer can confirm with DGLAHS that U.S. dairy products from that plant can be shipped to Indonesia immediately pursuant to completing any other required documentation.
15. The procedure to get a U.S. dairy plant on the “List of U.S. Dairy Plants Eligible to Export to Indonesia/ LIST UNIT USAHA PRODUK SUSU DI AMERIKA SERIKAT” is a one-time process.
16. Once a plant is on the list, any Indonesian importer can import from that plant provided that the name of the plant is already put on the import recommendation issued by DGLAHS.

To ensure a better understanding of the process and sharing of information to the Indonesian importers and U.S. dairy products suppliers, FAS Jakarta will publish this GAIN Report and all other subsequent, updated lists of U.S. Dairy Plants Eligible to Export to Indonesia as well as other related information on its website. Please refer to the FAS Jakarta website for any guidance and/or updates regarding the issuance of import recommendations from the MOA’s DGLAHS.

Obtaining an import recommendation from the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture is a critical first step of the process to obtaining an actual dairy import permit from the Ministry of Trade. Importers in Indonesia are fully responsible taking the necessary steps to obtain an import recommendation (Ministry of Agriculture) and/or an import permit (Ministry of Trade). Please refer to the Policy section of the [GAIN Report ID1138](#) on the regulation of importing dairy products into Indonesia.

