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## Thailand

### Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards

### Export Certificate Report

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**Report Highlights:**

There are three main government offices in Thailand that require export certificates, including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), and the Department of Agriculture (DOA). In general, the FDA mainly requires a certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) in importing 54 items of foods, while the other two offices require animal and plant health certificates in importing agricultural produce and animals and animal products.

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**SECTION I: A LIST OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED**

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
<p>54 items of unprocessed and processed food:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infant food and uniform food for infant and children</li> <li>2. Supplementary food for infant and children</li> <li>3. Modified milk for infant and uniform modified milk for infant and children</li> <li>4. Ice</li> <li>5. Drinking water in sealed containers</li> <li>6. Beverage in sealed containers</li> <li>7. Food in sealed containers</li> <li>8. Cow's milk</li> <li>9. Cultured milk</li> <li>10. Ice cream</li> <li>11. Flavored milk</li> <li>12. Milk products</li> <li>13. Food additives</li> <li>14. Food color</li> <li>15. Food flavoring substances</li> <li>16. Sodium cyclamate and food containing sodium cyclamate</li> <li>17. Food for weight control</li> <li>18. Tea</li> <li>19. Coffee</li> <li>20. Fish sauce</li> <li>21. Water by-products from manufacturing of monosodium glutamate</li> <li>22. Natural mineral water</li> <li>23. Vinegar</li> <li>24. Edible oil and fat derived from animal or vegetable</li> <li>25. Peanut oil</li> <li>26. Cream</li> <li>27. Butter oil</li> <li>28. Butter</li> <li>29. Cheese</li> <li>30. Ghee</li> <li>31. Margarine</li> <li>32. Semi-processed food</li> <li>33. Some particular sauces</li> <li>34. Palm oil</li> <li>35. Coconut oil</li> <li>36. Mineral drink</li> <li>37. Soybean milk in sealed containers</li> </ol>	<p>Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)</p>	<p>There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent.</p>	<p>Food safety</p>	<p>Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH)</p>

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
38. Chocolate 39. Jam, jelly, marmalade in sealed containers 40. Food for special purpose 41. Quicklime soaked egg 42. Royal jelly and Royal jelly products 43. Products from the hydrolysis or fermentation of soybean protein 44. Honey (except where the place of manufacturing does not fall under description of a factory) 45. Fortified rice 46. Brown rice flour 47. Salted water for food flavoring 48. Sauce in sealed containers 49. Bread 50. Gum and candy 51. Processed agar and jelly 52. Garlic products 53. Flavor and scent additives 54. Frozen food				
iFruit and vegetable	Phytosanitary Certificate	Statements vary for different varieties of products	Plant health protection	Department of Agriculture (DOA), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)
Live Animals and Animal Products	Animal Health Certificate	Statements vary for different varieties of products	Animal health protection and food safety	Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)

## SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE(S)

### 2.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

- (a) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation;
- (b) Purpose of the certificate: Food safety;
- (c) Requesting office: MOAC/FDA.

## 2.2. Fruit and Vegetables

- (a) Name of the certificate: Phytosanitary Certificate;
- (b) Purpose of the certificate: Plant health control and protection;
- (c) Requesting office: MOAC/DOA.

## 2.2 Live Animals and Animal Products

- (a) Name of the certificate: Animal Health Certificate;
- (b) Purpose of the certificate: Animal health control and protection and food safety;
- (a) Requesting office: MOAC/DLD.

### **SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

#### 3.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

- (a) Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States);
- (b) The required format of the export certificate: No specific format. See a copy of a sample of Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in Appendix I.

#### 3.2 Fruit and Vegetable

- (a) Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
- (b) The request format of the export certificate: No specific format.

#### 3.3 Live Animals and Animal Products

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products  
The request format of the export certificate: No specific format.

### **SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

#### 4.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

- (a) The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry;
- (b) The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product;
- (c) Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand;
- (d) Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand.

#### 4.2 Fruit and Vegetables

- (a) The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry;
- (b) The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment;
- (c) The certificate must be endorsed by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thailand does not accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance;
- (d) Thailand does not accept a U.S. State issued export certificate.

#### 4.3 Live Animals and Animal Products

- (a) The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry;
- (b) The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment;
- (c) The certificate must be endorsed by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance;
- (d) Thailand does not accept a U.S. State issued export certificate.

### **SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS**

Although the Thai FDA has imposed bans on certain food products, nearly all products are allowable for entry to Thailand. However, the importation of these eligible products is subject to one or more of additional requirements/procedures, including an import permit, product registration, and food labeling. Details of these conditions are available in TH5083 report (FAIRS report for 2005).

In addition, both the DOA and the DLD require import permits. The procedure of import permit issuance is arbitrary and non-transparent. At the current time, the DLD has begun to require the visit and inspection of each individual establishment of origin in the exporting country for accreditation. However, the USDA is in the process of negotiation with the Royal Thai Government to accept a "system audit" instead of DLD's desired "plant-by-plant", or "farm-by-farm" audit.

APPENDIX I:



Arkansas Department of Health

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Pay W. Boozman, MD, MPH, Director
Mike Huckabee, Governor

FREE SALE CERTIFICATE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Arkansas Department of Health is authorized under the provisions of the Arkansas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to regulate the production, manufacture and sale of foods, drugs, medical devices and cosmetics in the state of Arkansas.

Butterball Turkey Company, 1200 North College Street, Huntsville, Arkansas, operates and regularly engages in the business of manufacturing and selling food products in Arkansas. The company is regulated and inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

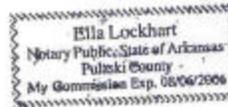
The Arkansas Department of Health does not object to the sale of the following products in Arkansas, nor its shipment to any other state or country, as indicated by USDA inspections:

Table with 2 columns: Product Code and Product Description. Lists Butterball Young Turkey with giblets and neck in various weight ranges (10-12 lbs to 18-20 lbs).

This Certificate is not to be construed as either an expressed or applied warranty of any of the named products; nor shall it be used for advertising or other similar purposes.

Randy Carter signature
Randy Carter, R.S., Environmental Health Program Specialist
Food Protection Services

STATE OF ARKANSAS }
COUNTY OF PULASKI }



Subscribed before me this 20th day of August, 2003.

Ella Lockhart signature
Notary Public

My commission expires on August 6th, 2006.

Keeping Your Hometown Healthy
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTS



Country of Origin: USA  
Regulatory Authority: U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Certification Authority: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service  
Reference Number of this Certificate: 859097-8

I. Exporter (Name and Address)

Good Humor - Breyers Ice Cream  
P.O. Box 19007  
Green Bay, WI 54307-9007

II. Identification of the Dairy products (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)

Product Description: Ice Cream (Reference Number 80207847)  
Condition or Kind of Treatment: Pasteurized and frozen  
Type of Packaging: PE coated paper cups, Paperboard boxes  
Number of Packages: 3312 cases  
Total Net Weight: 4416 kgs  
Required temperature: Storage and transport: Minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit (Minus 29 degrees

Validity Date (Shelf Life): 12 months from date of manufacture

III. Origin of the Product (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)

Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc.  
St. Albans, VT  
Plant Number: 124843 (50-95)

IV. Product Destination (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)

Origin: Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc.  
St. Albans, VT  
Destination: Singapore  
Method of Transport: Ocean vessel

V. Sanitary Certification

The product was manufactured in facilities inspected and approved by the competent authority and subjected to regular audits or inspections found at all times and the process is properly and hygienically carried out, to produce a product that is fit for human consumption.

*(Signature)*  
Noreen Fitzlaff  
Assistant National Field Director  
USDA, Dairy Grading  
Date Signed: March 29, 2004

The Office of Agricultural Affairs certify this Certificate of Sanitation is true copy and the declaration is correct.

*(Signature)*  
Russ Nicely  
Agricultural Attache  
August 24, 2004  
Agricultural Counselor  
American Embassy  
Bangkok, Thailand

End of Report