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**Report Name:** Success Story - Brazil Approves New Certificate for US Dairy Exports

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**Report Highlights:**

On August 30, 2021, the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply (MAPA) published the new Dairy Certificate model for U.S. exports into Brazil. The certificate is finalized after 18 months of negotiations. MAPA also granted a 60-day transition period between old and new dairy certificates effective from the date of publication. During the transition period, both the old and the new certificate models will be accepted. U.S. dairy exports to Brazil in 2020 totaled \$45 million. The new Certificate model provides the needed assurances that trade will not be interrupted.

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In the last 18 months, due to changes in its regulations, Brazil had requested updates to several previously negotiated health certificates for U.S. agricultural products exported to Brazil. The affected commodities included dairy products in addition to goat milk, beef, fish and aquaculture products, animal-origin feed meal, and bovine gelatin. FAS/Brasilia worked with the respective competent regulatory authorities, including AMS, APHIS, FSIS, and NOAA, to facilitate a negotiated solution to ensure uninterrupted market access for these products.

In an official letter received by FAS/Brasilia on August 31<sup>st</sup>, MAPA officially confirmed the publication of the new certificate. The certificate may be found here: <http://sistemasweb.agricultura.gov.br/sisrec/manterDocumento.action>

On the U.S. side, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has already updated the certificate to its website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports>

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The U.S. dairy exports to Brazil in 2020 totaled \$45 million. Last year, the United States was the fourth-largest exporter of dairy and dairy producers to Brazil, behind Argentina, Uruguay, and the European Union. According to the Trade Secretariat (SECEX), between January to July 2021, Brazil imported close to \$21.5 million of U.S. dairy products. FAS Brazil sees an opportunity to capitalize on the new model certificate to expand U.S. dairy exports to Brazil. The new Certificate model provides the needed assurances that trade will not be interrupted.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.