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**Report Highlights:**

This is an update to the Republic of Korea's export certificate requirements for dairy products including those containing eggs such as ice cream. Effective July 1, 2021, Korea requires dairy export certificates issued by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for dairy products originated from the United States. Prior to July 1, 2021, Korea accepted manufacturer statements in addition to government issued certificates.

## **Korean Dairy Export Certificate Update**

### **1. New Dairy Certificate Required by the Republic of Korea**

For shipments loaded on or after July 1, 2021, Korea requires all dairy products intended for human consumption to be certified by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). All dairy products that were shipped to Korea on July 1 or after should be accompanied by the AMS Dairy Certificate. This includes dairy products containing eggs, such as ice cream. To meet Korea's new requirements, AMS launched a new dairy certificate that is available only in the Agriculture Trade Licensing & Attestation Solution ([ATLAS](#)) system. Exporters will need to create an ATLAS account with AMS if they are not already registered.

Exporters may find more information on the AMS website:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports>.

Any inquiries about ATLAS and the certification application process can be directed to

[DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov](mailto:DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov)

Korea requires a duplicate export certificate with each shipment; one for the Ministry of Food & Drug Safety (MFDS) and one for the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA).

### **2. Issuance Date of Dairy Certificates**

Korea requires that the "issuance date" of dairy certificates be prior to the shipping date. However, as an interim measure following introduction of the new certificate system, the "issuance date" of dairy certificates for products originated from the United States is temporarily allowed to be after the "shipping date" listed on the Bill of Lading. If the dairy certificate is issued after the shipping date, however, the dairy certificate should be issued and must arrive before importers submit the import inspection application to MFDS and APQA upon arrival of the shipment in Korea. Please note that this is an interim measure. FAS Seoul will provide updates on certificate requirements if there is any change to the interim measure.

### **3. Registration Information with Korea's Ministry of Food & Drug Safety**

All plants that export dairy products to Korea must be registered with MFDS. Upon arrival of dairy products in Korea, MFDS compares the dairy plant information registered with MFDS against the information listed on the AMS Dairy Certificate to check if they match. To check dairy plant information registered with MFDS, please follow the instructions below:

Please click the following link: <https://impfood.mfds.go.kr/?locale=en> EN

1. First, please click the language bar on the top right corner of the screen to change the language into English if it shows Korean text.

2. On the main screen, there is a menu bar on the top. Please place the cursor on “Petition Application” and click on “List of Registered Foreign Establishments.”



3. Next, you will see a box where you can check registration information for registered dairy plants by searching plant names. Please type a plant name in the box with a red arrow.

#### List of Registered Foreign Establishments

The system will display registration information for a given plant, including; country, type of business approved, name and address, dairy plant (EST) number in the exporting country, and Korean registration code.

Please make sure all information registered with MFDS matches with information listed on the AMS Dairy Certificate. If there is any discrepancy between information registered with MFDS and listed on the AMS Dairy Certificate (such as plant names and address, dairy plant number, etc.), MFDS will not allow entry of the arriving products into Korea until information registered with MFDS is updated or an updated AMS certificate that matches with the MFDS registration is submitted.

To update information registered with MFDS, applicants should submit this [application](#) along with supporting documents. For updates of name, address and plant number, a dairy plant permit issued by U.S. governmental organizations (including federal and state government) or other government issued documents should be submitted. Updates take a minimum of two to three weeks for MFDS to complete.

To update information with AMS, please contact the agency at the following email address: [DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov](mailto:DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov)

We encourage U.S. exporters to check with their counterparts in Korea to make sure all the information registered with AMS matches with plant information registered with MFDS prior to issuance of the AMS Dairy Certificate. This will avoid delays upon arrival due to discrepancies of registration information.

For questions on dairy plant registration with MFDS, please contact FAS Seoul:

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**Attachments:**

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