

Requirements and procedures for imported milk and milk products

1. FDA's requirements regarding milk and milk products

- 1.1 Ministerial Notification No. 350 B.E. 2556 (2013) Re: Cow's milk
- 1.2 Ministerial Notification No. 351 B.E. 2556 (2013) Re: Flavored milk
- 1.3 Ministerial Notification No. 352 B.E. 2556 (2013) Re: Other milk products
- 1.4 Ministerial Notification No. 353 B.E. 2556 (2013) Re: Fermented milk

2. FDA's requirements regarding Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

- 2.1 Ministerial Notification No. 193 B.E. 2543 (2000) Re: Production processes, production equipments and food storages
- 2.2 Ministerial Notification No. 298 B.E. 2549 (2006) Re: Production processes, production equipments, and storage of ready-to-consume milk products in liquid form which passed through pasteurization heat treatment
- 2.3 Thai FDA Announcement Re: Certification of production premises for food importation

Please see more detail of these relevant regulations from the website:

http://food.fda.moph.go.th/law/announ_moph1-150.php

- 2.4 Thai FDA Announcement Re: Certification of Premises of Ready-To-Consume Milk Products in Liquid Form which passed through Pasteurization Heat Treatment for Import

3. Procedures for imported milk and dairy products

3.1 Approval of the premises for imported food:

Importer must obtain a food import license (Orr 6 Form). As part of the Food Import License process, Thai FDA inspects the designated storage facility or warehouse that the importer will use to store the food on arrival into Thailand. If all documentation is completed, the Food Import License application process usually takes about 7 working days. Fee is 15,000 Baht. The Food Import License shall be renewed before December 31st of every third (3rd) year after issuance.

3.2 Inspection on production premises at origin country

Thai FDA requirement does not mandate official to inspect production premises at origin country but production premises must be manufactured according to "Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)" under Ministerial Notification No. 193 B.E. 2543 (2000) or Ministerial Notification No. 298 B.E. 2549 (2006). Importers are required to demonstrate compliance with such GMP by submitting a reliable certificate of GMP or equivalent.

3.3 Approval of the products:

Importers of cow's milk, flavoured milk, fermented milk and other milk products must submit the completed Food Record/Food Declaration (Sor Bor 5 Form) for obtaining a Food Serial Number. The application process usually takes about 14 - 28 working days. Fee is 2,000 Baht. Food products must also meet FDA's requirements on labeling and relevant regulations such as food additives, contaminants in food.

Please see the website for more detailed information regarding how to approval for premises and products: http://food.fda.moph.go.th/law/announ_moph1-150.php