



Trader Notice MPD 003/2012

To: All Food Business Operators at Customs Union/ Russian Federation (CU/RF) Approved Milk Processing Establishments.

Subject: Requirement for approved enterprises to be compliant with CU/RF SPS norms by 1st September 2012.

Background

We would like to inform you that the European Commission has recently been advised by the CU/RF in mid-July that all enterprises that export product to the CU/RF are to be re-inspected and Member States are to provide guarantees that the enterprises meet all the veterinary and sanitary norms and regulations of the Customs Union and Russian Federation by 1st September 2012.

Trader Notice MP 01/2012 was issued in February 2012 which provided information on the regulations of the Customs Union. Plant management were required to familiarise themselves with their contents and to place it on file along with legislation of the Russian Federation.

New Regulations

We now wish to draw your attention to the attached table which gives details of the most important Customs Union / Russian Federation legislation governing milk product production and internet links, where available. This list is based on information provided by Rosselkhoznadzor to the European Commission in July as outlined above.

You should particularly note that Customs Union Decision No. 299 outlines the technical requirements to be met by dairy product intended for export to this market. A copy of this Decision and a summary table outlining the testing requirements that apply to milk processing are attached for convenience.

Action

It is the responsibility of FBOs to familiarise themselves with the attached list of CU /Russian legislative requirements and to ensure they are also placed on file with other relevant CU/RF legislation.

In addition, your CU/RF Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) must now be amended to address the requirements of Decision No. 299 and must outline how this is to be achieved.

You should note the levels and units vary for different types of dairy products under Decision No. 299 and, as such, you must ensure your particular product complies with the relevant levels specified in the legislation. Test results need to be recorded as actual levels and units, (e.g. 100mg/kg) so that product compliance can be checked and demonstrated.



You are advised to give the above your immediate attention, as audits of listed plants will commence shortly. These audits will check compliance with CU/RF legislation and establish if DAFM can provide the necessary guarantees requested by the CU/RF for your plant.

Failure to meet the requirements may result in the removal of your premises from the list of approved CU/RF plants after 1st September 2012.

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