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Country of Origin	Singapore (SG)
Country of Destination	Myanmar (MM)
Food Product Category	Milk and Dairy Products
Product Code	HS Codes: 0401 - 0405, 1901, 2202

The information in this document has been compiled and provided by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA). SFA emphasises that importers and exporters have the responsibility to find out the import requirements of destination countries/regions/markets. Exporters are advised to confirm with their importers on the import requirements and eligibility of their product before exporting.

SN	Sub-header	Details
1	**Product eligibility / ineligibility**	Dairy products are eligible for export from Singapore to Myanmar.
2	**Importing country authority**	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under Ministry of Health is the competent authority regulating the import of dairy products.
3	**Pre-export approvals by the importing country**	**Products** In May 2024, FDA announced a Food Product Notification, detailing the requirements on applying for food product registration, such as submitting information regarding food type, brand, net weight, packaging, manufacturer, and certification via the E-Submission System. The new initiative would be implemented in phases, with the current phase being voluntary before amending as needed for mandatory compliance. **Establishments** No establishment listing is required for dairy products exported from Singapore to Myanmar. **Importers** Importers must obtain the necessary approvals (namely import recommendation, import license, import health certificate) before importing into Myanmar.

		Import recommendation For processed food, an import recommendation is required from the Food and Drug Administration. According to the Food Import Recommendation, the importer of processed food must complete and submit application to the E-Submission System Registration along with the necessary supporting documents. Such documents must contain food specification document, ingredients document, GMP certificate, and label or if food item with big size packaging is uneasy to provide, a photo or branding of such food item is required. Order Amending the Order of Marketing of Formulated Food for Infant and Young Child (Notification No. 5/2024) [alternate link], along with proposed amendments to broaden the age group of young child (to be from 6 months to 3 years), stipulate that applications for new and renewal of import recommendations for formulated food for infant and young child must comply with the Order (Notification 22/2014). **Import license** After receiving the import recommendation, the importer shall continue to apply for import license from the Ministry of Commerce (MOC). The applicant (company representative or agent) can file for the import license via the TradeNet 2.0. **Import health certificate** Before clearing import customs for packaged dairy products, the importer shall prepare to apply for food import health certificate from the Food and Drug Administration through the Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) with a sample food amount of 1500 g. According to the Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation, the importer shall file the application with the following supporting documents: 1) Bill of lading 2) Invoice 3) Packing list 4) Import declaration / Release Order Notification 5) Certificate of analysis 6) Health Certificate

		7) Registered trademark
4	**Export certificates for food**	**(1) Health Certificate** A valid Export Health Certificate issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment of dairy products. For exports that require an Export Health Certificate, you may forward the import permit / conditions to SFA here. **(2) Certificate of Analysis** A certificate of analysis (laboratory test report) must be provided for each consignment. The test should be done before importing. The specific test parameters for 36 pre-determined food categories are listed in the Minimum Requirement of Laboratory Parameters for Food Safety by FDA. For no. 3 category of "processed whole milk powder," refer to the following extracted details:

Parameters		**Status**
Chemical	Moisture % by wt.	Mandatory
	Milk protein in milk sold not fat % wt.	Mandatory
	Milk fat % by wt.	Mandatory
	Melamine	Optional
	Aflatoxin M1	Mandatory
	Veterinary drug residues	Optional
Heavy Metal	Arsenic	Mandatory
	Lead	Mandatory
	Tin	Mandatory
	Cadmium	Mandatory
Microbiological	*Escherichia coli*	Mandatory
	Salmonella	Mandatory
	Staphylococcus aureus	Mandatory
	Listeria monocytogenes	Mandatory
	Bacillus cereus	Mandatory

		Other relevant categories include - No. 1 Processed baby food milk powder - No. 2 Cheese - No. 4 Liquid form milk product other than ready-to-drink pasteurised milk - No. 5 Ready-to-drink pasteurised milk - No. 6 Butter, margarine and ghee - No. 24 Frozen desserts - No. 27 Fermented milk Both importers and exporters should be aware of the additional testing parameters in no. 35 category of "ready-to-eat products" and no. 36 category of "ready-to-cook products." **(3) Other Certificates** A valid food safety management system certificate (such as GMP or HACCP or ISO 22000 certificate) should accompany the consignment.
5	**Regulations and standards**	Interested exporters who wish to export dairy products to Myanmar must meet all their regulations and standards. The following links are provided as a guide: **(1) General regulations** National Food Law, National Food Law Amendment (16-8-2013) and National Food Law Amendment Act 2024 outline the responsibilities, powers and organization structure of the FDA. This includes the application and revocation of food establishment licenses, the responsibilities of food inspectors, the relevant conditions for violations and corresponding penalties, and the specific requirements for food production, storage, transportation, distribution, sales, import and export. **(2) Food additives** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for food additives will be the latest relevant version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that

		is General Standard for Food Additives CXS 192-1995 and Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) Online Database. In addition, the SOP listed some banned food additives: - Unpermitted food colour are sudan II, rhodamin B, auramine O, orange II, orange III - Unpermitted food preservatives are formalin, borax, sodium hydrosulphite, salicylic acid The SOP also listed the maximum level of selected food additives (namely cyclamate, sorbate, benzoate, aspartame, saccharin, sulfite, and nitrites) in specified food categories. **(3) Contaminants and toxins** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for chemical contaminants in food will be the latest relevant version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed CXS 193-1995. **(4) Microorganisms** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for microbiological contaminants in food will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Food CXS 21-1997. **(5) Pesticide residues** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for maximum residue limit of pesticide will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Codex Pesticides Residues in Food Online Database. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation issued the Notification No. 2/2021 concerning the prohibited pesticide list and Notification No. 15/2023 concerning the amendment of the list of pesticides prohibited for use in Myanmar, which bans the use of toxic substances.

		(6) Veterinary drug residues The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for maximum residue limit of veterinary drug in food will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Codex Veterinary Drug Residue in Food Online Database.
6	**Labelling, packaging and marking requirements**	**(1)Labelling** Declaration No. 8/2022 Order to Label Prepackaged Foods states the definition of terms, the basic principles of labelling, the content that must be included in the label, the compulsory labelling requirements for irradiated foods, alcoholic beverages, warning, and nutrition facts, the provisions for indexing, the additional resources, and other regulatory administrative or enforcement functions. The contents in the label must include the name of the food, the list of ingredients, the net content, the name and address, the country of origin, the lot identification, the date marking, and the instructions for use. The directive also stipulates that the language used in the label must be Burmese. If the language of the original label is not Burmese, the product should be re-labelled and the information of the re-label must be consistent with the original label. Consumer Protection Law, Notification No. 1/2019 Labelling requirements for businesses, and Directive No. 2/2019 Labeling Requirement for the Business required all consumer products sold in the country to be labelled with minimal information in Burmese. Instruction No. 1/98 Minimum requirements of the food industry required the label of foods to include the name and address of company, the list of ingredients, the date of manufacturing and expiry. In addition, the date markings must not be easily removed, erased, or reused. If the packaging is more than one layer, the date markings must be applied in all packaging layers. The Food Product Notification currently encourages all pre-packaged foods to display a food product code on the product label to ensure consumer safety and traceability. **(2)Packaging** It is recommended to follow ASEAN General Guidelines on Food Contact Materials and General Standard for the Labelling of Prepacked Foods CXS 1-1985.

7	**Other information**	**Designated Port of Entry** Notification No. 6/2021 stipulates that milk and cream should be imported into Myanmar through airport and/or seaport. **Import Procedures** Upon arrival at the designated port or border gate of Myanmar, the importer shall submit the Import Declaration and relevant documents to the Myanmar Customs Department through the Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS). In addition, the importer will need to arrange samples for physical and laboratory examination. The LBVD officials will test the samples based on risk and data assessment. Myanmar National Trade Portal also provides detailed import procedures. **WTO Import Licensing Procedures** Myanmar's legislation and notifications Myanmar's participation in WTO **ASEAN resources on prepared / processed foods** Regulation - Myanmar (contains a comprehensive list of regulations, standards, and decrees in static PDF files) **ASEAN Trade Repository** ASEAN Member States' National Trade Repositories Search Harmonised Standards in ASEAN **USDA Gain Reports** Burma FAIRS Country Report provides guidelines on Myanmar's food import regulations to American exporters **Contact Information** Department of Food and Drug Administration

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