

## SFA Export Library Market Reports on Food Import Regulations and Standards

<b>Country of Origin</b>	Singapore (SG)
<b>Country of Destination</b>	[Region] Macau SAR (MO), China
<b>Food Product Category</b>	Milk and Dairy Products
<b>Product Code</b>	HS Codes: 0401 – 0406, 19011041/42/49/90, 19019040, 22029900

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.

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1	<b>Product eligibility / ineligibility</b>	Dairy products are eligible for export from Singapore to Macau. Importers of most dairy products must obtain the import license issued by the Municipal Affairs Bureau and accept inspection and quarantine before import.
2	<b>Importing country authority</b>	<p><a href="#">The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM)</a> is responsible for monitoring the compliance with various norms, mainly in the aspects of public health, food safety, animal and plant supervision and the behaviors, projects and activities of obtaining administrative licenses or permits.</p> <p>As an establishment under the IAM, the <a href="#">Department of Food Safety</a> is the competent authority in regulating the import of dairy products to Macau. It consists of division of risk management and planning, division of risk assessment, division of risk communication and division of food inspection. The division of risk management and planning is responsible for implementing laws or regulations related to food safety, formulating food safety policies, plans and objectives, monitoring food safety, investigating and handling food safety incidents and complaints. The division of risk assessment is responsible for risk assessment and research related to food safety, formulating food safety guidelines, and providing scientific suggestions for food safety standards and food safety risk management. The division of risk communication is responsible for communicating and</p>

		<p>contacting with international organizations, enterprises and consumers, publishing food safety information and food early warning information, and holding food safety related training, publicity, exhibition and other activities. The division of food inspection is responsible for monitoring the import of animal products, and issuing licenses.</p> <p><a href="#">The Health Bureau (SS)</a> carries out the work required for disease prevention and health promotion, including the import of goods (such as infant formula). The authority for issuing the pre-license for the import of goods belongs to the Health Bureau.</p> <p><a href="#">The Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED)</a> is responsible for studying, coordinating and implementing the economic and scientific and technological development policies of the Macau, including the registration of controlled foreign trade activities, the issuance of foreign trade activity permits, the formulation of a quota system for foreign trade activities and the follow-up of relevant work.</p>
3	Pre-export approvals by the importing country	<p><b>Products</b> No product listing is required for dairy products exported from Singapore to Macau. However, for most dairy products imported into Macau, it is necessary to apply for import license and make an appointment for import food inspection and quarantine in Macau.</p> <p><b>Establishments</b> No establishment listing is required for dairy products exported from Singapore to Macau.</p> <p><b>Importers &amp; Exporters</b> <a href="#">Macau's Foreign Trade Law (Law No. 7/2003)</a> and the relevant goods table updating the foreign trade law (<a href="#">Chief Executive Decision No. 209/2021</a>) stipulate the categories of food that need to apply for import license from the IAM: HS code 0401, 0403, 0405, 0406 (0406.10.00, 0406.30.00–0406.90.00). Dairy products requiring</p>

	<p>import licence from the SS: HS code 0402.21.20. Dairy products subject to inspection and quarantine: HS code 0401–0406 (excluding infant milk powder in HS code 0402.21.20), 1901.10.41, 1901.90.40.</p> <p>Procedures for processing import license/declaration and advance booking for sanitary inspection, please apply <a href="#">here</a>. To apply for an import license, you need to fill in an import license application form, including the operator (name, address and telephone number), the registration number of controlled foreign trade activities, the description of foreign trade activities, the date and number of the license. The import license shall be purchased from the license issuing unit. The import license shall be in quintuplicate, which shall be kept by the entity issuing the license, the customs, the Bureau of statistics and census and the operator respectively. For other information and instructions for filling in the declaration form, please refer to the circular on <a href="#">Publishing the Foreign Trade Activity Permit and the Printed Form of the Declaration Form, as well as the Relevant Filling Instructions</a>.</p> <p>Importers of dairy products must also <a href="#">register controlled foreign trade activities</a> in the name of individuals or companies before the import of products. The materials submitted include: application for registration of controlled foreign trade activities, photocopy of the applicant's valid identity documents. If authorized by a third party, the relevant power of attorney and photocopies of the identity documents of the authorized signatory must be submitted.</p> <p>The registration for controlled external trade operations is to be made by an external trade operator prior to the importation or exportation of goods subject to licensing control. License-issuing authorities and Macao Customs Service determine the authority and specimen of the signature of the operator conducting external trade activities based on the registered information.</p> <p>The registration is one-off and only needs to be done before the first licence application is submitted. After registration, the operator will be issued a Controlled External Trade Operations Registration Number, which is</p>
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		used for licence applications and goods subject to quarantine. The registration is not mandatory, but rather an administrative measure to facilitate the import and export procedures for external trade operators.
4	<b>Export certificates for food</b>	<p><b>Health Certificate</b></p> <p>An <a href="#">Export Health Certificate</a> issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment. For exports that require an Export Health Certificate, you may forward the import permit / conditions to SFA <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
5	<b>Regulations and standards</b>	<p>Interested exporters who wish to export dairy products to Macau must meet all their regulations and standards. The following links are provided as a guide:</p> <p><b>(1)General regulations</b></p> <p><a href="#">Law No. 5/2013: Food Safety Law</a> applies to the production and operation of food and the use of food additives and food related products in the process of production and operation. The food safety law mainly regulates the supervision and management of food safety, the prevention, control and response measures of food safety risks, and the handling mechanism of food safety incidents, so as to ensure the health and life safety of the public. In addition, food safety standards, risk monitoring and evaluation, prevention and control measures, major food safety incidents, and penalties are stipulated.</p> <p><a href="#">Law No. 7/2003: Macau's Foreign Trade Law</a> lays down the general principles of foreign trade and the general principles of the system for the transportation of goods into the Macau. It includes general provisions, foreign trade activities (licensing system, declaration system, foreign trade operators, temporary export, re-import and conversion, customs supervision, certificate of origin, records, etc.), penalties, etc.</p> <p><a href="#">Amendments to Chief Executive Decision No. 209/2021: Updating List of Goods Regarding "Foreign Trade Law"</a>: Chief Executive Decision No. 209/2021 is a compilation of lists of goods regulated by Law No. 7/2003 (External Trade Law), which includes three annexes. Annex I lists the goods that are exempted from import licensing or quarantine provided that they are imported for personal use or consumption. Annex II lists the goods subject</p>

	<p>to export or import licensing (Table A export list, Table B import list). Annex III lists the goods subject to health quarantine and plant quarantine.</p> <p><b>(2)Food additives</b></p> <p>Macau currently has three regulations on specific types of food additives, including <a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 30/2017: Standard for Use of Edible Pigment in Food</a>, <a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 7/2019: Standard for Uses of Preservatives and Antioxidants in Food</a>, <a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 12/2018: Standard for Use of Sweetening Agent in Food</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 30/2017: Standard for Use of Edible Pigment in Food</a> specifies the edible pigments allowed to be used in food and their application scope. At the same time, two tables of edible pigments allowed to be used in food are approved. Schedule 1 shows the tar pigments allowed to be used in food, including lemon yellow (E102), quinoline yellow (E104), sunset yellow (E110) and other pigments; Schedule 2 shows the natural pigments and other pigments allowed to be used in food, including riboflavin (E101), carmine (E120), chlorophyll (E140), caramel (E150) and other pigments.</p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 7/2019: Standard for Uses of Preservatives and Antioxidants in Food</a> specifies the types of preservatives and antioxidants allowed to be used in food, the categories of food allowed to use preservatives and antioxidants, and the maximum amount of some preservatives and antioxidants in specific food categories. Supplementary documents: <a href="#">Q&amp;A of Standard for Use of Food Additives</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 12/2018: Standard for Use of Sweetening Agent in Food</a> specifies the types of sweeteners allowed to be used in food, the food categories allowed to use sweeteners, and the maximum amount of some sweeteners in specific food categories. This administrative regulation is not applicable to special food, except infant formula, follow-on formula, formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants and complementary foods for infant.</p>
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	<p><b>(5)Microorganisms</b></p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 2/2016: Limits of Pathogenic Microorganisms in Milk Products</a> stipulates the limit of pathogenic microorganisms in dairy foods and is applicable to ultra-high temperature sterilized milk, pasteurized milk, prepared milk and fermented milk.</p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 16/2015: Limits of Pathogenic Microorganisms in Powdered Infant Formula</a> specifies the limit of pathogenic microorganisms in infant formula, which is applicable to prepackaged infant formula.</p> <p><a href="#">Microbiological Guidelines for Ready-to-eat Foods</a> is suitable for ready-to-eat food for human consumption. The food is divided into five levels according to the type of food and production process. Each level is divided into three results: satisfactory, acceptable and unsatisfactory according to the different content values of aerobic colony count, hygienic indicator microorganism and pathogenic microorganism.</p> <p><b>(6)Veterinary drug residues</b></p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 13/2013: Regulation on Veterinary Drug Residue in Food</a> stipulates the maximum residue limit of veterinary drugs in food, which applies to the maximum residue limit of veterinary drugs in the edible part of the animal species specified in the schedule, whether such edible part is at the stage of import, processing or sale. The Annex is the list of maximum residue limits of veterinary drugs in food, which is composed of drug types, drug names in Mandarin, drug names in English, edible animal species, parts, maximum residue limits and units.</p> <p><b>(7) Product regulations</b></p> <p><a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 28/2016: Nutritional Requirements for Infant Formula</a> specifies the nutritional composition requirements of infant formula, which is not applicable to formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants. The nutritional composition of infant formula shall meet the relevant requirements in the attached Tables, of which attached Table 1 is the energy value of infant formula; attached Table 2 shows the</p>
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		<p>content of nutritional components of infant formula; attached Table 3 shows the proportion of nutritional components of infant formula.</p> <p><a href="#">Technical Guidelines for Administrative Regulation No. 28/2016: Nutritional Requirements for Infant Formula</a> is formulated to guide the industry to comply with Administrative Regulation No. 28/2016.</p>
6	Labelling, packaging and marking requirements	<p><b>(1)Labelling</b></p> <p><a href="#">Law No. 50/92/M: Conditions to Be Observed in Labeling Foods for Human Consumption</a> (revised by Law No. 56/94/M and Administrative Regulation No. 7/2004) specifies the requirements that food labels should comply with and is applicable to the supply of prepackaged or non- prepackaged food to consumers. The main contents of the regulations include: definition, instructions on the label, sales name, name of ingredients, exemption of ingredients, basic storage period, exemption of storage period, entity to be labelled, net weight, batch, language, etc.</p> <p>The label of prepackaged food must have the following instructions: a) name; b) component names; c) basic shelf life; d) the name, business name or company name and address of the person in charge of the label or the importer; e) net weight; f) identify batch data; g) if there is no relevant country of origin or source information, the country of origin or source information shall be specified when it can mislead consumers about the origin or true source of food; h) for foods that need to be stored or used under special conditions, the storage and use conditions shall be marked on the label; j) if the use method is not marked on the food label, which may cause obstacles or difficulties to the correct use of the food, the use method must be marked.</p> <p>The label of non-prepackaged food must contain the following instructions: a) name; b) if there is no relevant country of origin or source information, the country of origin shall be specified when it can mislead consumers about the origin or true source of food; c) identification data of the batch; d) basic shelf life.</p> <p><b>(2)Packaging and marking requirements</b></p>



		<p>According to the reply of IAM, the products must comply with the provisions of <a href="#">Administrative Regulation No. 17/2008 General System of Product Safety</a> since the safety of food contact materials involves product safety, and only safe products can be put on the market.</p>
7	Other information	<p><b>(1) Regulations and guidelines related to product import are as follows:</b>  <a href="#">Hygiene Guidelines on Imported Food</a>  <a href="#">Hygiene Guidelines on Food Transportation</a>  <a href="#">Food Recall Guidelines</a>  <a href="#">List of Trade Guidelines</a></p> <p><b>(2) Customs</b>  The Macau Customs is responsible for the supervision of foreign trade activities. Foreign trade activities include the import and export of goods subject to pre licensing, the import and transshipment of goods subject to health quarantine or plant quarantine, etc. According to the regulations, anyone who imports the goods listed in Table B of the Chief Executive Decision No. 209/2021 must apply for an import license from the relevant authorized entity and submit it to the customs station together with the required documents for customs clearance on the day of delivery. Relevant guidelines are as follows:  <a href="#">Import Customs/Customs Clearance Procedures</a>  <a href="#">List of Authorised Entity</a>  <a href="#">Goods Subject to Sanitary/Phytosanitary Quarantine</a></p> <p><b>(3) Address and contact information of IAM</b>  For more information, please refer to IAM <a href="#">Contact us</a>.  Office hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday (business as usual at noon).  Tel (853) 2852 6943  IAM website <a href="http://www.iam.gov.mo">http://www.iam.gov.mo</a>  E-mail <a href="mailto:webmaster@iam.gov.mo">webmaster@iam.gov.mo</a></p>

		<p><b>(4)Address and contact information of SS</b>  For more information, please refer to SS <a href="#">Contact us</a>.  Tel (853) 2831 3731  Fax (853) 2871 3105  Website <a href="http://www.ssm.gov.mo">http://www.ssm.gov.mo</a>  E-mail <a href="mailto:info@ssm.gov.mo">info@ssm.gov.mo</a></p> <p><b>(5)Foreign trade database</b>  In the <a href="#">Macao External Merchandise Trade Statistics Database</a> (EMTS), you can query the goods code (HS code) and the list of import and export goods subject to import supervision.</p>
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