

# Model private attestations for shelf-stable composite products containing dairy

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European Commission replaces operators' model private attestation for shelf-stable composite products containing dairy products

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2022/7](#) of 5 January 2022 amending Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards the animal health requirements for the entry into the Union of dairy products contained in shelf-stable composite products

## Update

The European Commission has replaced the model private attestation that must be completed by operators for shelf-stable composite products containing dairy products. This updated version takes into account modifications made to other Regulations dealing with risk-mitigating treatments for dairy products.

## Impacted products

shelf-stable composite products containing dairy products

## What is changing?

The EU has modified the animal health private attestation to include cases where dairy products contained in a composite product either:

- have not undergone a specific risk-mitigating treatment; or
- have undergone a specific risk-mitigating treatment provided for in column A or B of the table set out in Annex XXVII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692; or
- “have undergone a specific risk-mitigating treatment at least equivalent to one of the treatments provided for in column B of the table set out in Annex XXVII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692” (this option remains with no modification).

Footnotes associated with these three cases have been added/completed.

## Why?

The private attestation was not complete regarding risk-mitigating treatments for dairy products. It needed to take into account the modification of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1703.

## Timeline

Date of publication: 6 January 2022

Date of entry into application: 7 January 2022

## What are the major implications for exporting countries?

When there is a modification to certificates or attestations, it is important to use the updated version to avoid any risk of rejection at the EU border.

## Recommended Actions

For exporters to the EU of shelf-stable composite products containing dairy products, it is important to use the new animal health private attestation.

## Background

Countries exporting live animals and products of animal origin to the EU must send consignments together with animal health/official certificates signed by their official veterinarians. The aim is to guarantee that the consignments fulfil EU legislative requirements.

In the case of shelf-stable composite products containing dairy products, as the risk is lower, a private attestation for the animal health requirement is sufficient. It has to be signed by a representative of the importing food business operator.

These private attestations/certificates are laid down by Regulation (EU) [2020/2235](#) for certain categories of animals (fish, insects, snails), products of animal origin, composite products, and sprouts and seeds, in compliance with the Animal Health Law Regulation (EU) [2016/429](#) and the Official Controls Regulation (EU) [2017/625](#).

In addition, Delegated Regulation (EU) [2020/692](#) supplements animal health rules regarding export to the EU of certain products of animal origin. Article 163, amended by Delegated Regulation (EU) [2021/1703](#), lays down specific requirements for export to the EU of products of

animal origin contained in shelf-stable composite products. Among others, Article 163 lays down risk-mitigating treatment requirements applicable to dairy products contained in such composite products, taking into account the health status of the third country or territory, or zone of origin.

## Resources

European Commission (2021) [Summary of the requirements applicable to composite products intended to be imported into the EU](#).

European Commission (2022) [Import of composite products into the EU: Questions & answers](#).

European Commission (n.d.) [EU entry conditions for composite products](#).

## Sources

Implementing Regulation (EU) [2022/7](#)

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