

## **Rollout of Online Services and New Measures for Importation of Milk and Frozen Confections**

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today announced that with effect from **28 September 2020**, traders may apply for import permission for milk and frozen confections and report consignment arrival online through the Food Trader Portal (FTP). At the same time, the following new measures on importation of milk and frozen confections will be implemented:-

- (1) Introducing new import permission format and application forms – the two current forms, i.e. Application for Importation of Milk / Milk Beverage / Cream (FEHB 163) and Application for Importation of Frozen Confections (FEHB 162) will be replaced by the following three new application forms:
  - (i) Application for Import Permission for Milk and Milk Beverages/Cream/ Frozen Confections (FEHB 290) - for new application and addition of products to existing import permission
  - (ii) Application for Import Permission for Raw Milk (FEHB 292) – for new application, one permission for one type of raw milk
  - (iii) Application for Import Permission for Milk and Milk Beverages/Cream/ Frozen Confections/Raw Milk (FEHB 291) – applicable to renewal of existing import permission, and applicant is required to specify the products to be renewed.

The layouts of the new import permission and application forms have been redesigned to make their contents clear and easy to understand. From 28 September onward, CFS will adopt the new application forms and all import permissions will be issued in the new format. Importers may continue to submit various types of applications in paper mode, but the new application forms must be used. The new forms may be downloaded from the CFS website [www.cfs.gov.hk/english/public/public.html](http://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/public/public.html) or obtained from the CFS offices concerned free of charge.

- (2) Simplifying product definition

A product will be defined according to its basic container size. Once a product with its basic container has been approved, the importer will no longer be required

to reapply for import permission for the same product in different packages (e.g. half-dozen pack or twin pack), other than to provide packing size information when reporting consignment arrival.

(3) Validity period of import permission

With effect from 28 September, a validity period of 12 months will be uniformly applied to all import permissions. Importers may apply for renewal of an import permission within three months before its expiry. CFS will also issue renewal reminders to importers through the FTP or in writing before the end of the validity period. Without renewal, expired import permissions will lapse automatically, and importers will need to apply for a new permission before the products concerned can be imported again.

(4) Reporting arrival of food consignments

Importers with FTP accounts may report arrival of food consignments and arrange for consignment release on FTP. Importers only need to input some basic information and upload the necessary documents. After the report has been accepted, the CFS will approach the importers regarding inspection and release of the consignments.

To facilitate reporting by importers, a special Excel template will be provided on FTP for downloading. With this template, importers can prepare a worksheet for each food consignment and import the data to FTP for prompt reporting of consignment arrival. Importers may customize the Excel template to suit their operational requirement.

Please click “More Tips” at [www.ftp.cfs.gov.hk](http://www.ftp.cfs.gov.hk) for more detailed information on the above new measures.

For enquiries, please contact our staff at 3108 2303 or 3108 2109 (before 28 September) and 2867 5561 (on or after 28 September).

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