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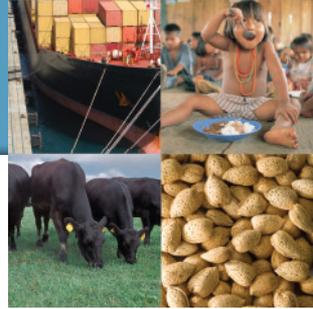
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Bonus Question

- **What steps do you have to take at capital to seek endorsement of the model proposal?**

Questions

- Has the Codex model dairy certificate has been useful to your economy? – **Yes, with caveats**
- Would you find value in a revised model dairy certificate? – **Potentially yes**
- Does your economy experience problems in implementing dairy sanitary certificate requirements? – **Yes and No**

Certificate Identifiers



Draft APEC Model Dairy Export Certificate

Certifying Authority: _____

Certificate Number: _____

- **Letterhead not needed**
- **Certifying authority needed, but can be in signature line**
- **Certificate number is essential**

Presentation of Data Elements

- I. Exporter or Consignor: *(name and address)*
- II. Origin of the Products: *(economy name)*
 - a. Producer/manufacturer: *(name and address)*
 - b. Plant Number:

- **Can be simplified! All economies agreed to 3 basic elements:**
 1. Product Description
 2. Certificate number or unique identifier
 3. Certifying authority or signature
- **Three groups suggested the additional basic elements:**
 1. Manufacturer's information
 2. Destination

Presentation of Data Elements

- III. Identification of the Dairy Products
- a. Product Description:
 - b. Intended for:
 - human consumption
 - animal consumption
 - other uses (cosmetic, etc.)
 - c. Type of Packaging:
 - d. Number of Packages:
 - e. Total Net Weight:
- Conditions for Storage and Transportation:
- ambient
 - chilled
 - frozen

- **All economies agreed to product description (general), but economies had varying perspectives on what is included within that field.**

Presentation of Data Elements

- IV. Product Destination: (*economy name*)
- a. Importer or Consignee: (*name and address*)
 - b. Destination:
 - c. Method of Transport:
 - air
 - ocean
 - rail
 - truck

- **Only one group wanted information on importers because the importer would change.**
- **No one wanted method of transport.**

Sanitary Attestations

- 1. The product was manufactured from milk or milk products that received either:**
 - a. pasteurization which meets or exceeds the minimum process criteria detailed within the Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products; or
 - b. an ultra-high temperature (UHT) treatment which meets or exceeds the minimum process criteria detailed within the Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (CAC/RCP 57-2004) for UHT; or
 - c. a process that results in the commercial sterility of the product, as that term is defined within the Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Aseptically Processed and Packaged Low-Acid Foods (CAC/RCP 40-1993).
- **Need flexibility to allow for animal health status and associated treatments.**
 - **Too specific, too restrictive; attestation could have been condensed into single paragraph.**
 - **Does not allow for new technologies.**
 - **Half the room felt attestations should not be needed.**



Sanitary Attestations

2. **The product was manufactured in facilities which have been inspected and found to be in good regulatory standing with the competent authority of the exporting economy's competent authority and subjected to regular audits or inspections aimed at ensuring that the processing is properly and hygienically carried out.**
 - **Mixed interest – some economies accepted all, some half, some edited terms used (audits, etc.), some do not want.**
 - **Some economies preferred references to Codex attestations or HACCP.**



Optional Att

1. The product is packaged in a material suitable to the product type, in a way that conforms to the requirements of the packaging economy. The packaging is labeled with a method of identification of the manufacturer.
2. The export economy in the relations that prohibit adulteration of milk products with physical or chemical contaminants, which are established by the authority[ies].



General Observations

- **Was this model certificate exercise ideal/future scenario or realistic/actual scenario?**
 - A little bit of both.
 - Both aspects were educational.

General Observations and Principles

- **Notice animal health has not been included in scope of this initial draft.**
- **Animal health came up in every discussion.**
- **Multiple economies requested a consideration of animal health components.**

General Observations and Principles

- **Dairy export certificates should not be required for products containing a minimal amount of dairy, such as <20% dairy content.**
- **The APEC Model Dairy Export Certificate does not apply to products produced from raw (unaged or unpasteurized) milk.**
 - **General agreement on both?**



General Observations and Principles

- **Dairy export certificates should not require additional attestations for any non-dairy ingredients the product may contain, such as egg attestations for ice creams, in order to maintain the integrity of the official export certificate and its applicability to the product as a whole, finished good.**
 - Onward certification came up in every group.
 - Is there agreement that onward certification is critical?
 - Is there agreement that onward certification is not facilitated by model certificates?

Key Takeaways

- **Model dairy certificate is useful but economies may not want dairy sanitary certificate at all.**
- **Some economies experience significant problems negotiating, some do not.**

Next Steps

- **Revert to workshop participants with revised model dairy sanitary certificate based on input.**
- **Recognize more work needs to be done; to be determined!**



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Thank you!

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