Arrangement Concerning Certain Dairy Products

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SPAIN

The following communication, dated 22 November 1976, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Spain.

SPAIN

Control Measures Applied to Skimmed Milk Powder Imported for Purposes of Animal Feed

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

22737 ORDER of 30 October 1976 establishing control and surveillance of denatured milk powder and whey powder for use in animal feed.

The import of denatured milk powder or whey powder under the Liberalized-Trade Régime exclusively for purposes of animal feed requires regulation of the control and surveillance of use, with the twofold objective of guaranteeing the quality of both the basic product and the denaturing agents employed and of preventing unlawful competition with domestic dairy products.

Quality standards and requirements for substances and products used in animal feed having been approved by Decree 851/1975 of 20 March and Ministerial Order of the Minister of Agriculture of 23 June 1976, it is necessary to make an order regarding procedures for testing and demanding the necessary quality in those products.
In pursuance of the instructions contained in article 21 of the said Decree regarding the control and surveillance to be exercised by the Ministry of Agriculture over the handling, transport and storage of products for use in animal feed and by virtue of the authority vested in this Department by final provision 4 of the said Decree, I have deemed it fitting to provide as follows:

**Article 1.** The denatured milk powder and whey powder to be imported must meet the quality requirements laid down for those products in the Ministerial Order of 23 June 1976, taking into account any modifications in those characteristics which may result from the denaturing agent used. The products used as denaturing agents may be those approved by Circular No. 543 of the General Directorate of Customs (Boletín Oficial del Estado of 28 July 1966) or such other products as may subsequently be approved for the purpose.

The foregoing shall be tested by means of analyses performed by laboratories belonging to this Department on samples taken, prior to customs clearance, by the appropriate inspection services from the lots being imported.

**Article 2.** In order to ensure adequate preservation of the quality of these products, they may only be imported in sacks. Each of the sacks shall bear an appropriate label giving particulars concerning the type of product and the denaturing agent or agents used. Each sack shall be conspicuously marked with the words: "Products for use only in animal feed".

**Article 3.** The Customs Veterinary Inspection Services of this Department shall take the necessary samples and shall arrange for their despatch to the appropriate laboratory for analysis.

Before issuing the Certificate of Inspection, they shall verify the health documents accompanying the lot to be imported and shall obtain from the importer complete information concerning the destination of the product in question so as to supplement the particulars on the Import and Destination Form that is to accompany the goods (annex 1). This Form shall be signed by the importer or by a person duly authorized by him.

If the imported lot has different destinations, the importer or his representative shall make a declaration for each sub-lot.

**Article 4.** For purposes of subsequent control of these products, the Customs Veterinary Inspection Services shall send a copy of the Import and Destination Form to the appropriate provincial branch-office for agriculture so that the necessary verifications and procedures may be carried out by the Service for Fraud Prevention and Agricultural Testing and Analysis.
Article 5. Imported denatured dairy products shall be used exclusively in animal feed and accordingly, after clearance by Customs, they shall be consigned exclusively to fodder or additive plants, wholesale warehouses or stock-farmers, all of whom shall preserve the documentation accompanying the goods since its entry in Customs. The subsequent movement of these products shall be restricted to authorized industrial and warehousing enterprises, which must ensure that the goods are always accompanied by documents or invoices certifying the origin thereof. The consignee of the goods shall hold the original of these documents at the disposal of the inspection services for one year, and the consignor shall hold the copy or counterfoil for the same period of time and for the same purpose.

Article 6. The removal or total or partial elimination of the denaturing substances incorporated in the dairy products referred to in this Order, and likewise any other practice that would annul effects indicative of the presence of such substances, shall be prohibited.

Article 7. The inspection services of the Department shall ensure strictest compliance with the provisions of this Order, and any movement or possession of the said products in circumstances other than those authorized by this Order shall be deemed clandestine.

Article 8. Infringements of the provisions laid down in this Order shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of Decree 2177/1973, of 12 July, governing penalties for fraud in respect of agricultural products.

Article 9. The General Directorate of Agrarian Industries and the General Directorate of Agrarian Production are hereby empowered to establish additional rules for the implementation of the present Order.

Communicated for your information and action.

Madrid, 30 October 1976.