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Indonesia introduces new import requirements



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Summary

- On 1 January 2023, Indonesia was due to start enforcing Regulation 15/2021 which, among other things, creates new requirements for exporters of milk, meat, eggs and honey.

Report

On 1 January 2023, Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture was due to start enforcing Regulation 15/2021, which includes new requirements for 'fresh' animal products. The animal products specified in Regulation 15/2021 cover 'fresh' milk products, meat products, eggs and honey products. The regulation only covers processed or finished products whereas bulk products, that require further processing, have been excluded.

Regulation 15/2021 requires importers to register their product through an online portal and provide proof of several documents. This includes an import recommendation from the Minister of Agriculture (provided by the Ministry of Agriculture), Sanitary Export Certificate, Certificate of Origin, Certificate of Analysis and a copy of the product's Halal Certificate. The product must also be able to fulfil Indonesia's labelling requirements.

This process will need to be completed for each product exported to Indonesia and, we understand, a small registration fee will also apply. While a product's registration will be valid for a period of five years, the Certificate of Analysis (CoA), which displays technical specifications of the product, will be required to be provided every six months. Each Certificate of Analysis must be issued by an accredited laboratory in the country of origin, with corresponding costs. This is in addition to existing requirements for exporters to apply to be listed in the Indonesian system, then apply for yearly import licenses with relevant Indonesian ministries. We, however, understand that these CoAs are not currently being requested from importers.

Up until recently, the process to get these import licenses required importers to apply for the relevant permissions with the Ministry of Trade (MoT) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA). However, with the Commodity Balance Mechanism regulations in the process of being implemented, these responsibilities are being consolidated and taken over by the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs (Kemenko Ekon) which intends to run a 'single window' application process for importers. Implementation of the new registration system would effectively re-create, and add to, the previous requirements for exporters to go through the Ministry of Agriculture for an import license.

Some New Zealand importers have reported that they are still awaiting a response two months after applying for registration. Our Embassy in Jakarta continues to monitor developments relating to the implementation of this new regulation, and we will report further if there are substantive updates.

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