

Fact sheet on the Administration Arrangements for the Liquid Milk Tariff Quota

New Zealand and Chinese Taipei have agreed to a transitional tariff rate quota for specific liquid milk product lines. By year twelve of the agreement access will be tariff and quota free.

The product lines (HS Codes) subject to the liquid milk quota, the quota quantity, the in- and over-quota tariff rates, and administration arrangements are detailed in the Appendix to Chinese Taipei's goods schedule. The initial liquid milk quota volume is 5,500 tonnes, more than 100% of current New Zealand liquid milk exports to Chinese Taipei.

The liquid milk tariff quota is administered on a first come first served basis upon acceptance of an import declaration by the Chinese Taipei Customs Administration.

An import declaration is a standard customs requirement for all imports into Chinese Taipei, to be completed by the importer. Such documentation is not a new or additional requirement created by this Agreement. Nor is it a new or additional requirement under this tariff quota.

The acceptance of the import declaration for the liquid milk tariff quota will not require any more steps or consideration prior to acceptance than is required for this document for other imports.

There are no additional import requirements for importation of product under the liquid milk tariff quota, other than the operational procedures set out in Section B of Chapter 3 (Rules of Origin) and routine customs or quarantine clearance procedures. Those procedures apply to all imports, not just liquid milk. For an explanation of the steps and consideration for exports see Appendix 1 of the publication: "Understanding the Agreement between New Zealand and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu on Economic Cooperation".

When liquid milk products are imported into Chinese Taipei under this quota, the volumes will be recorded by Chinese Taipei authorities. This record of the "quota fill" will be promptly and regularly published by Chinese Taipei authorities on a publicly accessible website. Website details will be provided closer to the date of entry into force.

When the agreement has entered into force New Zealand exporters of liquid milk to Chinese Taipei are encouraged to monitor the quota fill.

Once the quota for the calendar year is "filled" the out of tariff quota rate for that calendar year will be applied to New Zealand product.

New Zealand exporters or importers of New Zealand milk products are still eligible to trade under the preferences under the Chinese Taipei WTO quota for liquid milk. Liquid milk products will receive the WTO preference only when the product is accompanied by the relevant documentation for that quota, which at this time is a quota allocation certificate. Information on the WTO quota can be found in the WTO section on the Bank of Taiwan's website.