



F2/21: Authentication of documents for GCC markets – update 4

Animal Products

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1 Authentication of export documentation for GCC countries

- (1) This FYI replaces F66/20.
- (2) Several markets in the GCC, including Qatar, Kuwait and Oman require New Zealand export documentation to be provided under consular authentication by a GCC Embassy before the goods are permitted into their countries.
- (3) During the COVID pandemic, MPI obtained a waiver of this requirement by Kuwait. Qatar and Oman also suspended the requirement for authentication.
- (4) MPI is now aware that Kuwait, Qatar and Oman have re-instated the requirement for consular authentication of export documentation for food imports.
- (5) MPI advises exporters to work closely with their importers to determine if consular authentication of export documentation is required.
- (6) Any information and updates on clearance of goods, including situations where customers advise consular authentication is needed, should be sent to market.access@mpi.govt.nz

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