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Press Release

Imported milk powder is safe and not adulterated

Imported food and beverages quality and safety is vested with the Director General Customs under the Food Act No: 26 (1980) as the food authority for imported food products. Many organizations assist the customs to ensure that the imported food meet the quality and safety standards which is based on international codex standard and regulations of Sri Lanka.

Imported milk powder is checked for quality and safety parameters as per details below. Milk powder is identified under the import inspection scheme as an essential food item and Sri Lanka Standard Institute (SLSI) entrusted and tests all milk to ensure conformity to SLS731: 2008.

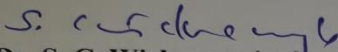
Pre shipment quality assessment: All imported shipments are accompanied by certificate of analysis from a laboratory accredited for the specific test method from the respective country. This includes general quality parameters, microbiological analysis, analysis for Dicyandiamide and tests identified in Sri Lanka standard to detect adulteration with other fats namely Refractive index, Polenska value, and Reichert Meissi value. All consignments are accompanied by a health certificate from New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries. This assures a government commitment to the quality of product and specifically condition (f) assures that the product “**do not contain fats and oils of non dairy origin**”. World Trade Organization agreement mandates countries to except health certificates from exporting countries.

Import control measures in Sri Lanka: The SLSI checks for the laboratory certificates of the general standard parameters, microbiological parameters, DCD and tests refractive index , polenske value and Reichert Miessel value which are all indicative of adulteration of milk (other fat vegetable or animal). SLSI also ensures that the product meets the Sri Lankan standard for milk powder.

The import inspection by the Food and Drug Inspectors under Ministry of Health , Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine check the accompanying pre shipment documents attached to the custom declaration form for completeness and check the food safety parameters. All Milk food samples are tested for radiation at the Atomic Energy Board and one in four samples are sent randomly for microbiology testing and percentage of fat tested at the food laboratory under the Ministry of Health, while samples are sent for DCD testing to Industrial Technology Institute (ITI).

Surveillance samples for fat and any other fat (adulteration) has been randomly checked as follows. Ministry of Health : 2016 - 02 samples , 2018 – 03 samples all have been normal (no adulteration). In 2019 – 5 samples have been sent for testing and awaiting reports. SLSI surveillance for fat and any other fat have tested 2 samples in 2017 at ITI laboratory and the reports are normal.

Based on the above pre-shipment stringent testing of the exporting country and all testing done in Sri Lanka at SLSI, Sri Lanka Atomic energy board, Food laboratories of the Ministry of Health and ITI have all confirmed that the imported milk powder are safe and not adulterated with vegetable fat or any other fat. For further information or clarification contact Director Environment and Occupational Health 071 442 9793 or Assistant Director Food Control 0714895660.


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