

India

India uses trade-restrictive import procedures on milk and dairy products that effectively prohibit U.S. dairy from entering the country. Imported dairy products require a sanitary import permit issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DAHDF) and veterinary certification by an exporting country's veterinary authority. Finally, India mandates that milk products must be derived from a dairy cow that has been fed a vegetarian diet for its entire life. These policies are scientifically unwarranted, inconsistent with international standards and overly burdensome on producers.

Although previous bilateral talks between India and the U.S. did not advance this issue toward a resolution, IDFA urges the U.S. government to continue engaging with India and the U.S. dairy industry to find a workable solution based on sound science.