

Import milk powder directly from Japan to China

Please advise all the requirements and procedures to import milk powder directly from Japan to China or Japan to Hong Kong then to China - the import regulations - the customs - the tax

(1) In June 2009, the import duty for milk power from Japan is 10% and the import VAT rate is 17%. Suppose the CIF value is USD100, the import duty is USD10 and the VAT is $USD110 \times 17\% = USD18.7$. Since milk power is made of products with animal origin, there is a requirement for “Inspection Certificate of Inward Goods”, which is issued by the China Inspection and Quarantine office at the frontier port. The importer has to produce the inspection certificate at the time of making the import declaration.

(2) The PRC import regulations classify foods for general purpose and foods for special purpose. Milk power is a type of special purpose food. The PRC government has announced a list of milk power brands that can be imported into China.

You can have access to the list at the following website:

http://jckspaqj.aqsiq.gov.cn/ybzspjy/jcjjy/200610/t20061027_9823.htm

(3) If your product brand is not on the list, then you will have to apply for an administrative approval for imports. The applicant is required to submit product and the relevant information to a designated accredited agency to undergo tests that the product meets the PRC national standards (China GB). The Ministry of Health will grant the approval on the strength of the pass report as issued by the accredited agent.

(4) The PRC Product Quality Law and PRC Food Safety Law requires that the importer has to comply with the requirement for Chinese product label, which must show on the package the information of the manufacturer, the date of manufacture and the approval certificate as issued by the Ministry of Health, etc. For more information, please visit our website at www.china-tax.net