

4. Clarification of the term “processed” in relation to milk, colostrum and products derived thereof (e.g. acidified whey)

In the IDTF there is a distinction between processed and unprocessed/crude milk, colostrum and products derived thereof. It seems that the difference between processed and unprocessed/crude in this context is not clear and needs some more explanation.

Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 specifies several standards for processing of milk, colostrum and certain other products derived from milk or colostrum. All those standards include a heating treatment (minimally 72 °C for at least 15 seconds). For the IDTF, only products obtained according to one of the methods described in Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, Annex X, Chapter II, Section 4, Part I, B1, are considered as processed.

Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 also allows use of so called national processing standards. Those standards are laid down in Annex X, Chapter II, Section 4, Part II. A product specifically mentioned in here is acidified whey produced from milk which is not heat-treated as described in one of the standards laid down in Annex X, Chapter II, Section 4, Part I, B1. Although this acidified whey may be used in feed, the use of it is subject to too many restrictive conditions for it to be simply classified as processed. This is because there is insufficient guarantee that the pathogens that cause foot-and-mouth disease have been killed by the acidification process. To minimize the risk for animal feed that is transported after this whey, acidified whey derived from the milk which is not processed according to one of the standards laid down in Annex X, Chapter II, Section 4, Part I, B1, is in the IDTF classified as unprocessed/crude (IDTF no. 20065). The cleaning regime D is applicable.

This abovementioned is now clarified in the IDTF by means of a footnote at the products concerned.