

The access level for cheese has been fixed since 1979 at 20,411,866 kg. Under the provisions of a December 1995 Agreement between Canada and the European Union, 66% of the TRQ is allocated to cheese imports from the European Union and 34% to imports from non-EU sources. Within access commitment import permits were issued for 20,411,866 kg of cheese, and permits for re-export were issued for 3,028,455 kg. Supplementary import permits for other purposes totaled 1,038,579 kg.

Buttermilk

The 2004 access level for buttermilk was 908,000 kg. The TRQ, all of which was used in 2004, is reserved exclusively for imports from New Zealand. Supplementary import permits for re-export were issued for 82,547 kg of buttermilk product. Supplementary import permits for other purposes totaled 1,495 kg.

Fluid Milk

The fluid milk access level in 2004 was 64,500 tonnes, which represents estimated annual cross-border purchases by Canadian consumers. The goods are imported under General Import Permit No. 1 - Dairy Products for Personal Use. On January 26, 2000 General Import Permit No. 1 was amended. The \$20 limit in value for each importation of fluid milk imports for personal use was removed. Supplementary import permits for re-export totaled 8,751,019 kg.

Dry Whey

The access level for dry whey in 2004 was 3,198,000 kg. Within access commitment import permits were issued for the full TRQ amount. Supplementary import permits for 12,840,659 kg of dry whey were issued for the manufacture of animal feed. In addition, supplementary imports for re-export totaled 811,940 kg.

Evaporated and Condensed Milk

The access level for evaporated and condensed milk in 2004 was 11,700 kg. The TRQ is reserved exclusively for imports from Australia. Within access commitment import permits were issued for 4,881 kg. Supplementary import permits for re-export were issued for 205,953 kg.

Heavy Cream

The heavy cream access level in the quota year from August 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004 was 394,000 kg for sterilized cream having a minimum of 23% butterfat and sold in cans having a volume not exceeding 200 ml. Within access commitment import permits were issued for 362,165 kg. Supplementary import permits were issued for re-export for 1,822,840 kg.

Products Consisting of Natural Milk Constituents

The access level for these products in 2004 was 4,345,000 kg, and within access commitment import permits were issued for 4,090,436 kg. Supplementary import permits for re-export were issued for 2,317,353 kg.

Food Preparations

The access level in 2004 for food preparations classified under 1901.90.33 was 70,000 kg, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The TRQ covers ingredients