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Updates of Indonesia to Export Composite Products Containing Milk and Eggs to the European Union Effective from December 28th, 2021

The European Union has begun to loosen the regulation to import various products that were previously unable to enter the European Union member countries. Through a press release on January 19th, 2022, the Minister of Trade, Muhammad Lutfi, conveyed the good news on the European Union's decision to include Indonesia in the amendments to the list of third countries that are allowed to export composite products containing milk and eggs to the EU. The European Union's decision is in accordance with the issuance of the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/2315 on amending Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC. In the new regulation, Indonesia are finally can export their composite products again to the European Union member countries effective from **December 28th, 2021**.

Previously, Indonesian exports of livestock products to the EU in 2020 reached €106 million. But later on 2021, the export of Indonesian composite products containing milk and eggs was hampered after the issuance of Article 29 of Directive 96/23/EC regarding the changes to the authorization policy for importing composite products to the European Union which took effect on April 21st, 2021. Due to this reason, the Indonesian government made various efforts in an attempt for anticipating barriers to non-tariff measures implemented by the European Union. This is including an approach to the European Union authorities to find out the obstacles in the process of granting import authorization for composite products for Indonesia.

After more than 8 months of the stipulation of Directive 96/23/EC, Indonesia finally could provide guarantees through a statement in accordance with Article 2 of Decision 2011/163/EU, to use only milk and eggs originating, either from the Member States or from third countries approved to export such products to the European Union, in the composite product to be exported to the European Union. This successfully made Indonesia to be included in the list of third countries that are allowed to export composite products to the European Union. Therefore, since the European Union member countries are known as one of the largest importers of agricultural-based food products, the Minister of Trade Lutfi encourages Indonesian composite products business actors to utilize this opportunity as well as possible to increase Indonesia national exports.

For your reference, please check the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/2315 on the updates regarding the amendments to the list of third countries that are allowed to export composite products containing milk and eggs to the European Union in the link [here](#).

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