



# F11/20: Authentication of documents for GCC markets – update 1

## Food Products

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For Your Information

### 1 Authentication of export documentation via the Embassy of the State of Kuwait in Wellington

- (1) This FYI replaces F09/20
- (2) Several markets in the GCC, including Kuwait, require New Zealand exporters' export documentation to be authenticated before the goods are permitted into their countries. The Embassy of the State of Kuwait in Wellington provides this consular authentication service on behalf of the other GCC countries.
- (3) MPI have supported MFAT in efforts to seek a waiver of this requirement from Kuwait. We have not yet heard through official channels that Kuwait has formally waived this requirement, however we have heard that Kuwait has waived the consular authentication requirement for the next two consignments for one New Zealand dairy company. Exporters should seek the advice of their importer or agent.
- (4) We have obtained verbal confirmation from Qatar and Oman that they are willing to accept New Zealand goods without consular authentication. We also believe Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will accept goods without this step.
- (5) Until we receive confirmation of a waiver the Embassy of the State of Kuwait has advised a strategy to resume document authentication as follows:

All documents requiring authentication for these markets are to be temporarily couriered to the following address:  
98 Copeland Street  
Eponi  
Lower Hutt 5011  
Attn: Consular Legalization
- (6) The Embassy advises that some documents delivered to their building in the early stages of the lock-down may be returned as our building management has closed the building to the public (including courier drivers) during the lock-down. Once these are received they should be redirected to the address above.
- (7) Any information and updates on clearance of goods should be sent to [market.access@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:market.access@mpi.govt.nz)

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