

Indonesia's dairy sector strengthens export momentum with first yogurt shipment to Vietnam

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Indonesia's livestock and dairy industry has marked a significant export milestone with the shipment of processed dairy products to Vietnam, underscoring the sector's improving global competitiveness and steady transition toward higher value-added agricultural exports. The Ministry of Agriculture described the development as clear evidence that Indonesian dairy products are increasingly aligned with international quality benchmarks, strengthening their position in regional trade.

The latest shipment, led by PT Cisarua Mountain Dairy, includes Indonesia's first export of yogurt to Vietnam, valued at approximately \$65,000. The consignment was dispatched from Bogor, West Java, reflecting coordinated execution between industry players and regulatory authorities to ensure export readiness and compliance.

Officials noted that the expansion of dairy exports is closely linked to strengthened food safety systems, veterinary supervision, and harmonisation of standards with importing countries. These mechanisms have been central to enabling Indonesia's gradual entry into more demanding international markets, particularly within Asia.

Between 2023 and 2026, Indonesia's cumulative veterinary-certified dairy and processed livestock product exports exceeded 11.9 million kilograms, with a total value of about \$15.3 million. Export destinations have expanded steadily to include Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, and now Vietnam, with the Philippines remaining the largest market to date.

Industry stakeholders highlighted that export growth is also supporting domestic market stability by improving absorption of fresh milk supply, thereby contributing to more stable farm-gate prices and better income security for dairy farmers. For

processors, expanding export channels is strengthening confidence in scaling production and diversifying product lines.

The Ministry of Agriculture has framed the Vietnam entry as part of a broader structural shift toward export-led growth in Indonesia's dairy sector, where compliance, product quality, and market diversification are increasingly central to industry strategy. Continued government facilitation, including certification support and market access negotiations, is expected to play a key role in sustaining this momentum.

Overall, Indonesia's dairy export trajectory reflects a dual transformation: deeper integration into regional value chains and a gradual elevation of its processed food industry into more competitive international markets.