

"Health," subtitle "Milk and Milk Products," are hereby repealed, and Sections 569 to 586 of said Article 43, title "Health," subtitle "Milk and Milk Products," are hereby enacted and follow immediately after Section 568G thereof, all to read as follows:

569. Intent, Scope and Interpretation.

1. The State of Maryland hereby finds and declares that a uniform law and regulation is needed to govern the production, processing, labeling and distribution of graded milk products within the State. This law and regulations promulgated thereunder relating to graded milk products shall be applicable throughout the State, and shall be enforced on a statewide basis. Products produced, processed or manufactured in accordance with the provisions of the law and regulation may be sold in all counties, cities and towns in this State and shall not be subject to regulation, by ordinance or otherwise, supervision or inspection of any political subdivision wherein the products are produced, processed, manufactured or sold.

2. Except as otherwise provided herein by law or regulation by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the law and regulations shall be interpreted where applicable in accordance with the administrative procedures and appendixes contained in the current Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance recommended by the appropriate agency of the Federal government, a certified copy of which shall be on file in the offices of the Secretary of State and Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

570. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Milk Law.

A. Dairy or Dairy Farm. Any place, premise, or establishment where one or more cows are kept, from which a part or all of the milk is sold or offered for sale.

B. Milk Plant. Any place, premise, or establishment where milk products are collected, handled, processed, pasteurized, stored, bottled, or prepared for distribution, except an establishment where milk products are sold at retail only.

C. Receiving Station. Any place, premise, or establishment where raw milk is collected, cooled, processed, stored, and prepared for delivery to a milk plant.

D. Transfer Station. Any place, premise, or establishment where milk is transferred directly from one milk truck tank to another for further delivery to a milk plant.

E. Distribution Station. Any place, premise, establishment, or vehicle where pasteurized milk products are routinely received, stored, or transferred for redistribution and sale.

F. Person. Person shall mean and include any individual, partnership, corporation, company, firm, trustee, or association; and the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular.

G. And/Or. Where the term "and/or" is used, "and" shall apply where appropriate, otherwise "or" shall apply.