

572. Permits.

IF IT shall be unlawful for any person who does not possess a permit from the Secretary to bring into, send into, or receive into the State of Maryland for sale, to offer for sale therein, give away or have in storage any milk products defined by law or regulation in this subtitle. Provided, That, grocery stores, restaurants, soda fountains, and similar establishments where milk products are served or sold at retail shall be exempt from this permit when such milk products are received from a permitted processor. Further, That, each such establishment shall comply with all applicable provisions of this subtitle or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder. Only a person who complies with the requirements of this subtitle or of any rule or regulation issued thereunder shall be entitled to receive and retain a permit.

A permit is required for every (1) bobtailer, (2) distribution station, (3) milk plant, (4) receiving station, (5) transfer station, (6) milk truck tank operator, (7) producer-distributor (Provided that, the sale of raw milk for human consumption shall be prohibited with the exception of those producer-distributors in business and holding a permit on the effective date of this law. Provided further, That the sale of raw milk for human consumption in Baltimore City shall be prohibited), (8) producer, with exception to those producers or milk supplies approved by the Secretary qualifying under Section 580. Provided further, That, truck tank operator permits shall not be required under the foregoing conditions. (9) certified industry fieldman to conduct certified farm inspections.

Such permits shall be nontransferable with respect to persons or locations, and shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date thereof unless revoked or suspended during its effective period. The annual permit provision shall not apply to producer permits, which shall remain in effect until revoked, suspended or cancelled.

All permits referred to in this section shall be obtained at the time and in the manner set forth in this subtitle.

573. Application and Fees.

No person shall engage in any of the businesses for which a permit is required under the provisions of Section 572 of this subtitle without first complying with the provisions of this section. All applications for permits shall be made on appropriate forms to be provided by the Secretary, and all applications for renewal of such permits shall be made at such time as may be required by such authority. With every such application, whether it be for an original permit or for a renewal thereof (excepting only applications for permits for dairy farms for which no fee is required), every applicant shall pay annual fees as follows:

Every producer-distributor of raw milk shall pay a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Every processor, for each milk plant operated by him shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Every person for each receiving station operated by him shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars* (\$25.00). Every person for each transfer station operated by him shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars* (\$25.00). Every milk truck tank operator shall pay a fee of five dollars* (\$5.00).