

Reports of all inspections conducted by such personnel to determine compliance with the provisions of this subtitle or of any rule or regulation issued thereunder shall be forwarded to the Secretary. All punitive actions and all inspections for the issuance or reinstatements of permits shall be performed by the Secretary.

576. Notice to Holder of Permit in Case of Violation; Suspension or Revocation and Reinstatement of Permit.

Whenever the Secretary shall find that any of the provisions of this subtitle, or any rule or regulation issued thereunder, is or has been violated by the holder of any permit issued by the Secretary; or that such violation has occurred or is occurring on any premises for which a permit is issued; or whenever a health hazard exists; or whenever the permit holder has interfered with the Secretary in the performance of his duties, the Secretary shall suspend such permit: Provided, That, the Secretary shall, in all cases except where the milk product involved creates an imminent hazard to public health; or in any case of a willful refusal to permit authorized inspection, serve upon the holder a written notice of intent to suspend permit, which notice shall specify with particularity the violation(s) in question and afford the holder such reasonable opportunity to correct such violation(s) as may be agreed to by the parties, or in the absence of agreement, fixed by the Secretary, before making any order of suspension effective. A suspension of permit shall remain in effect until the violation has been corrected to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Upon written application of any person whose permit has been suspended, or upon written application within 48 hours of any person who has been served with a notice of intention to suspend, and in the latter case before suspension, the Secretary shall within 72 hours hold a hearing to ascertain the facts of such violation or interference and upon evidence presented at such hearing shall affirm, modify, or rescind the suspension or intention to suspend.

Upon repeated violation(s), the Secretary may revoke such permit following reasonable notice to the permit holder and an opportunity for a hearing.

577. Appeals on Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of Permit.

Any applicant for a permit, or any permit holder who shall feel aggrieved by the action of the Secretary in failing to issue or in revoking or suspending such permit may take an appeal therefrom in accordance with the Laws of Maryland.

578. Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Production, Collection, Processing and Selling.

The Secretary shall from time to time make, revise, or revoke rules and regulations pertaining to the definitions, standards of identity, production, collection, transporting, receiving, transferring, processing, pasteurization, packaging, storing, and selling of milk products. All rules and regulations issued by the Secretary, when duly promulgated, shall have the force and effect of law.