

**579. Transferring; Delivery Containers; Cooling.**

Except as permitted in this section, no milk producer, producer-distributor, or milk truck tank operator shall transfer milk products from one container or truck tank to another on any street or roadway or in any vehicle, store, or in any place except a milk plant, receiving station, transfer station, or milk house especially used for that purpose. The dipping or ladling of fluid milk products is prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to sell or serve any fluid milk products except in the individual, original container sealed in the plant in which said milk products are pasteurized; or from a bulk milk dispenser approved by the Secretary. Provided, That, this requirement shall not apply to milk for mixed drinks requiring less than one-half pint of milk, or to cream, whipped cream, or half and half which is consumed on the premises and which may be served from the original container of not more than one-half gallon capacity or a bulk milk dispenser.

Any milk product found adulterated or which has not been properly handled and maintained at the required temperature shall be impounded and disposed of in accordance with the Health Laws of Maryland. Upon repeated violations, after due notification, the Secretary may order retail outlets to discontinue the sale of milk products until the establishment in question can demonstrate that it can and will properly handle and maintain its milk products. It shall be unlawful to store or hold consumer containers of milk products in water and if such containers are stored or held in ice the storage containers shall be properly drained. No person licensed under this subtitle shall use or permit the use of any apparatus, equipment, utensil, or container intended for use in the processing and packaging of milk products for any other purpose whatsoever except as approved by the Secretary.

**580. Milk Products From Points Beyond The Limits Of Routine Inspection.**

Raw milk supplies and pasteurized milk products from points beyond the limits of routine inspection of the State of Maryland may not be sold in the State of Maryland unless produced, processed, or pasteurized under provisions which are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this subtitle or of any rule or regulation issued thereunder, and which are enforced with equal effectiveness, as determined by an acceptable current individual milk sanitation compliance and enforcement rating made by a State milk sanitation rating officer certified by the appropriate Federal Authority and listed in the Interstate Milk Shippers Report published by same. Provided further, the Secretary shall make inspections of dairy farms and plants on all initial applications for permits to determine substantial compliance with the generally accepted regulations. In addition the Secretary reserves the right to make inspections at any time thereafter of any permittee should in its opinion conditions warrant such action. The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the applicant or permittee. The billing and collection shall be handled by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.