

591 581. Milk Products Which May Be Sold.

The sale of raw milk for human consumption shall be prohibited with exception of those producer-distributors in business and holding a permit on the effective date of this Law.

Only pasteurized milk products as defined by Law or Regulation in this subtitle shall be sold to the final consumer, or to restaurants, soda fountains, grocery stores, or similar establishments. Provided, That in an emergency, the sale of pasteurized milk products which have not been graded, or the grade of which is unknown, may be authorized by the Secretary; in which case; such milk products shall be labeled as stipulated by the Secretary. An emergency is defined as a general and acute shortage of milk, not simply one or more handler's or distributor's shortage.

582. Personnel Health.

No person affected with any disease in a communicable form, or while a carrier of such disease, shall work at any dairy farm, transfer station, receiving station, or milk plant in any capacity which brings him into contact with the production, handling, storage, or transportation of milk products, containers, equipment, or utensils; and no dairy farm, transfer station, receiving station, or milk plant operator shall employ in any such capacity any such person, or any person suspected of having any disease in a communicable form, or of being a carrier of such disease. Any producer, producer-distributor, or distributor of milk products, upon whose dairy farm, or in whose transfer station, receiving station, or milk plant any communicable disease occurs, or who suspects that any employee has contracted any disease in a communicable form, or has become a carrier of such disease, shall notify the Secretary immediately.

No person with an infected cut or lesion on hands or arms shall handle milk products, milk containers, or milk equipment.

To safeguard the public's interest, the Secretary may make or require such reasonable medical and biological examination of all persons suspected of any communicable disease and of their body discharges.

583. Violations.

Any person found guilty of violating any provisions of this subtitle, or any rule or regulation issued pursuant thereto shall, in addition to any other provisions of the laws of Maryland, be subject to a fine in the discretion of the court, of not to exceed \$100.00 for each and every such offense, and a repetition of such offense may be enjoined by appropriate proceedings in the courts of this State. It shall be the duty of the State's attorney of each and every county of this State and the City of Baltimore, upon application by the Secretary, to prosecute in the court having jurisdiction of the offense, all persons charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this subtitle, both inclusive, of this subtitle, and where appropriate, to institute proceedings in court to enjoin further such violations.

584. Severability.

Should any section, paragraph, clause or sentence of this subtitle be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the said subtitle shall not be thereby affected.