

(i) Is recognized by the appropriate federal authority to be equally as effective as the process described in paragraph (1) of this subsection in making milk products safe and free of pathogens; and

(ii) Is approved by the Secretary.

(s) "Permit" means a permit issued by the Secretary under this subtitle that authorizes the holder of the permit to do any act that is within the scope of the permit.

(t) "Raw milk" means unpasteurized milk.

(u) "Receiving station" means any place where, for delivery to a milk plant, raw milk is collected, cooled, and stored.

(v) "Transfer station" means a place where milk is transferred directly from a milk tank truck to another milk tank truck for delivery to a milk plant.

21-402.

The General Assembly finds that statewide laws, rules, and regulations are needed to govern the production, processing, labeling, and distribution of [graded] milk products in this State.

21-403.

This subtitle applies only to milk products that are intended for sale for IMMEDIATE OR EVENTUAL human consumption.

21-404.

(a) A political subdivision may not regulate any milk product that is produced, processed, and manufactured in accordance with this subtitle and the rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle.

(b) Any milk product that is produced, processed, and manufactured in accordance with this subtitle and the rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle may be sold anywhere in this State.

21-405.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle or by a rule or regulation adopted under this subtitle, this subtitle and the rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle shall be interpreted in accordance with the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.