

(2) Each Grade A milk product container shall be marked as required by rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle.

~~[(d) (1) (C)]~~ (C) A Grade A milk product that is cooled to, packaged, and stored at 45 degrees Fahrenheit or less before it is purchased by or delivered to the ultimate consumer has a sell-by period of ~~7~~ 14 days.

[(2) If a scientific study justifies a modification of the temperature requirements of this subsection, the Secretary, after a public hearing, may adopt rules and regulations that modify the temperature requirements of this subsection.

(e) (1) A Grade A milk processor may apply for permission to extend the sell-by period of a Grade A milk product by not more than 5 days.

(2) If an application under this subsection is supported by a scientific study of shelf-life and the study is acceptable to the Secretary, the Secretary shall grant permission to extend the sell-by period by not more than 5 days.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 692

(House Bill 1223)

AN ACT concerning

Agency Regulations -- Economic Impact on Small Businesses

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Fiscal Services to prepare an economic impact analysis rating and an economic impact analysis concerning the effect of certain regulations on small businesses under certain circumstances; requiring certain agencies of the executive branch of State government to prepare an economic impact analysis rating and an economic impact analysis under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances and procedures applicable to the preparation and transmittal of economic impact analysis ratings and economic impact analyses; specifying the legal effect of an economic impact analysis rating and an economic impact analysis; requiring the Department of Fiscal Services to keep copies of economic impact analysis ratings and economic impact analyses for a certain period of time; providing that copies of economic impact analysis ratings and economic impact analyses be reasonably available for public inspection; providing that economic impact analysis ratings and economic impact analyses must be published in the Maryland Register at a certain time; defining certain terms; requiring a unit of the State or local government to provide certain information upon a certain request; providing for a certain effective date; and generally relating to the establishment of certain requirements to assess the economic impact of certain regulations on small businesses.