

§ 1135.5 Distributing plant.

Distributing plant means a plant that is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the handling of Grade A milk and at which fluid milk products are processed or packaged and from which there is route disposition in the marketing area during the month.

§ 1135.6 Supply plant.

Supply plant means a plant that is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the handling of Grade A milk and from which fluid milk products are transferred during the month to a pool distributing plant.

§ 1135.7 Pool plant.

Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, *pool plant* means:

(a) A distributing plant from which there is:

(1) Route disposition (except filled milk) in the marketing area during the month equal to not less than 10 percent of the Grade A fluid milk products received at such plant (including milk diverted from such plant by the plant operator pursuant to § 1135.13); and

(2) Total route disposition (except filled milk) during the month equal to not less than 25 percent of such receipts. A unit consisting of two or more distributing plants operated by a handler shall be considered as one distributing plant for the purpose of meeting this requirement if the handler notifies the market administrator in writing before the first day of the month that the plants should be considered as a unit. The unit shall continue from month to month thereafter without further notification. If, however, there is any change in the composition of the unit, the handler shall notify the market administrator in writing on or before the first day of the month such change is to be made.

(b) A supply plant from which during the month the volume of fluid milk products, except filled milk, transferred to pool distributing plants is 25 percent or more of the Grade A milk received at the plant from dairy farmers (including producer milk diverted from the plant by the plant operator but excluding producer milk diverted

to the plant pursuant to § 1135.13), subject to the following conditions:

(1) Any supply plant that has qualified as a pool plant in each of the immediately preceding months of September through February shall be a pool plant in each of the following months of March through August unless written request for nonpool status for any such month is filed by the plant operator with the market administrator prior to the first day of any such month. In such case, nonpool status will be effective until the plant again qualifies as a pool plant by meeting the transfer requirements; and

(2) The volume of fluid milk products included as qualifying shipments to a distributing plant pursuant to this paragraph shall be reduced by the volume of any fluid milk products transferred or diverted by such pool distributing plant operator to the supply plant or to any other plant under the control of the supply plant operator.

(c) The term “pool plant” shall not apply to the following plants:

(1) A producer-handler plant;

(2) A distributing plant qualified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section that also meets the pool plant requirements of another Federal order and from which, the Secretary determines, a greater quantity of Class I milk, except filled milk, was disposed of as route disposition during the month in such other Federal marketing area than was disposed of as route disposition in this marketing area, and which is fully subject to the classification and pricing provisions of such other order;

(3) A distributing plant qualified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section that also meets the pool plant requirements of another Federal order on the basis of route disposition in such other marketing area, and from which, the Secretary determines, a greater quantity of Class I milk, except filled milk, is disposed of during the month as route disposition in this marketing area than is disposed of in such other marketing area but which plant is, nevertheless, fully regulated under such other Federal order;

(4) A supply plant qualified pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section that also meets the pool plant requirements