

§ 1126.3

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§ 1126.3 Route disposition.

Route disposition means any delivery (including any delivery by a vendor or disposition at a plant store) of a fluid milk product classified as Class I milk, other than a delivery to a plant.

§ 1126.4 Plant.

Plant means the land, buildings, facilities, and equipment constituting a single operating unit or establishment at which milk or milk products (including filled milk) are received, processed, or packaged. Separate facilities without stationary storage tanks which are used only as a reload point for transferring bulk milk from one tank truck to another or separate facilities used only as a distribution point for storing packaged fluid milk products in transit for route disposition shall not be a plant under this definition.

§§ 1126.5—1126.6 [Reserved]

§ 1126.7 Pool plant.

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

(a) Any plant that is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the processing or packaging of Grade A milk and from which during the month there is:

(1) Route disposition, except filled milk, in the marketing area equal to 10 percent or more of the receipts of Grade A fluid milk products at such plant, including producer milk diverted from the plant; and

(2) Total route disposition, except filled milk, equal to 50 percent or more of the receipts of Grade A fluid milk products at such plant, including producer milk diverted from the plant. If two plants operated by the same handler each meet the performance requirement of paragraph (a)(1) of this section and such handler requests that the two plants be considered together

for the purpose of meeting the total route disposition requirement, each such plant shall be deemed to have met the total disposition requirement of this paragraph if the combined route disposition, except filled milk, of such plants is 50 percent or more of the combined receipts of Grade A fluid milk products at such plants, including producer milk diverted from the plants.

(b) Any plant, other than a plant described in paragraph (a) of this section, that is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the disposition of Grade A milk in the marketing area and from which during the month 50 percent or more of the receipts at such plant of Grade A milk from dairy farmers (including producer milk diverted from the plant but excluding milk received as diverted milk) and handlers described in §1126.9(c) is transferred in the form of a bulk fluid milk product, except filled milk, to pool plants described in paragraph (a) of this section, except that such percentage shall be 15 percent for the months of:

(1) August, if the plant was a pool plant under this paragraph or paragraph (d) of this section during the immediately preceding month of July; and

(2) December, if the plant was a pool plant under this paragraph during the immediately preceding month of November.

(c) Any plant, other than a plant described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section or that qualifies as a pool plant under another Federal order, from which during the month 50 percent or more of the receipts at such plant of Grade A milk from dairy farmers (including milk diverted from the plant but excluding milk received as diverted milk) and handlers described in §1126.9(c) is transferred in the form of a bulk fluid milk product, except filled milk, to pool plants described in paragraph (a) of this section and distributing plants fully regulated under other Federal orders, if the total quantity so transferred to pool plants exceeds in the case of each other order the total quantity so transferred to other order distributing plants, except that:

(1) For the following months, such percentage shall be 15 percent and shall apply only to transfers to pool plants

described in paragraph (a) of this section:

(i) August, if the plant was a pool plant under this paragraph or paragraph (d) of this section during the immediately preceding month of July; and

(ii) December, if the plant was a pool plant under this paragraph during the immediately preceding month of November; and

(2) Such plant shall not be a pool plant under this paragraph in any of the months of February through July unless it was a pool plant under this paragraph in three or more of the immediately preceding months of September through January.

(d) Any plant during the months of February through July, other than a plant described in paragraph (a) of this section, that was a pool plant under paragraph (b) or (c) of this section during each of the immediately preceding months of September through January and is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the disposition of Grade A milk in the marketing area, subject to the following conditions:

(1) For the months of February through July 1975, the required qualification under paragraph (b) of this section in prior months shall be deemed to have been met if the plant was a pool supply plant under the Austin-Waco, West Texas, Corpus Christi, North Texas, San Antonio, or South Texas orders (or any combination thereof) during the months of September, October, and November 1974; and

(2) If the plant operator files with the market administrator prior to any of the months of February through July a written request for nonpool status, a plant shall not be a pool plant under this paragraph during any of such remaining months through July.

(e) Any plant located in the marketing area that is operated by a cooperative association if pool plant status under this paragraph is requested for such plant by the cooperative association and 60 percent or more of the producer milk of members of the cooperative association (excluding such milk that is received at or diverted from pool plants described in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section) is physically received during the month in the form

of a bulk fluid milk product at pool plants described in paragraph (a) of this section either directly from farms or by transfer from plants of the cooperative association for which pool plant status under this paragraph has been requested, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The plant does not qualify as a pool plant under paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this section or under the provisions of another Federal order applicable to a distributing plant or a supply plant; and

(2) The plant is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the disposition of Grade A milk in the marketing area.

(f) The term "pool plant" shall not apply to the following plants:

(1) A producer-handler plant;

(2) A governmental agency plant;

(3) A plant qualified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section which also meets the pooling requirements of another Federal order and from which there is a greater quantity of route disposition, except filled milk, during the month in such other Federal order marketing area than in this marketing area, except that if such plant was subject to all the provisions of this part in the immediately preceding month, it shall continue to be subject to all the provisions of this part until the third consecutive month in which a greater proportion of its route disposition, except filled milk, is made in such other marketing area;

(4) A plant qualified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section which also meets the pooling requirements of another Federal order on the basis of route disposition in such other marketing area and from which there is a greater quantity of route disposition, except filled milk, in this marketing area than in such other marketing area but which plant is, nevertheless, fully regulated under such other Federal order; and

(5) A plant qualified pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of this section which has automatic pooling status under another Federal order.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: 1. At 62 FR 41812, Aug. 4, 1997, in §1126.7, paragraph (d) introductory text, the words "during the months of February through July" and the words

“under paragraph (b) or (c) of this section”, were suspended; and in paragraph (e) introductory text, the words “and 60 percent or more of the producer milk of members of the cooperative association (excluding such milk that is received at or diverted from pool plants described in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section) is physically received during the month in the form of a bulk fluid milk product at pool plants described in paragraph (a) of this section either directly from farms or by transfer from plants of the cooperative association for which pool plant status under this paragraph has been requested” were suspended, effective Aug. 1, 1997, through July 31, 1999.

§ 1126.8 Nonpool plant.

Nonpool plant means any milk or filled milk receiving, manufacturing, or processing plant other than a pool plant. The following categories of nonpool plants are further defined as follows:

(a) *Other order plant* means a plant that is fully subject to the pricing and pooling provisions of another order issued pursuant to the Act.

(b) *Producer-handler plant* means a plant operated by a producer-handler as defined in any order (including this part) issued pursuant to the Act.

(c) *Partially regulated distributing plant* means a nonpool plant that is not an other order plant, a governmental agency plant, or a producer-handler plant and from which there is route disposition in consumer-type packages or dispenser units in the marketing area during the month.

(d) *Unregulated supply plant* means a nonpool plant from which fluid milk products are moved to a pool plant during the month but which is not an other order plant, a governmental agency plant, or a producer-handler plant.

(e) *Governmental agency plant* means a plant operated by a governmental agency from which fluid milk products are distributed in the marketing area. Such plant shall be exempt from all provisions of this part.

§ 1126.9 Handler.

Handler means:

(a) Any person in his capacity as the operator of a pool plant;

(b) Any cooperative association with respect to milk of a producer that is diverted for the account of the coopera-

tive association from a pool plant of another handler in accordance with § 1126.13;

(c) Any cooperative association with respect to milk that it receives for its account from the farm of a producer for delivery to a pool plant of another handler in a tank truck owned and operated by, or under the control of, such cooperative association, unless both the cooperative association and the operator of the pool plant notify the market administrator prior to the time that such milk is delivered to the pool plant that the plant operator will be the handler for such milk and will purchase such milk on the basis of weights determined from its measurement at the farm and butterfat tests determined from farm bulk tank samples. Milk for which the cooperative association is the handler pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have been received by the cooperative association at the location of the pool plant to which such milk is delivered;

(d) Any person in his capacity as the operator of a partially regulated distributing plant;

(e) Any person who is a producer-handler; and

(f) Any person in his capacity as the operator of an other order plant described in § 1126.7(f).

§ 1126.10 Producer-handler.

Producer-handler means any person:

(a) Who operates a dairy farm and a processing plant from which there is route disposition in the marketing area;

(b) Who receives no fluid milk products from sources other than his own farm production and pool plants;

(c) Whose receipts of fluid milk products (including such products which he obtains at a location other than his processing plant for distribution on his routes) during the month from pool plants do not exceed the lesser of 5 percent of his Class I disposition during the month or 10,000 pounds;

(d) Who disposes of no other source milk as Class I milk except by increasing the nonfat milk solids content of the fluid milk products received from his own farm production or pool plants; and