

§ 58.138 Quality testing of milk from new producers.

A quality examination and tests shall be made on the first shipment of milk from a producer shipping milk to a plant for the first time or resuming shipment to a plant after a period of non-shipment. The milk shall meet the requirements for acceptable milk, somatic cell count and drug residue level (§§ 58.133, 58.134 and 58.135). The buyer shall also confirm that the producer's milk is currently not excluded from the market (§ 58.137). Thereafter, the milk shall be tested in accordance with the provisions in §§ 58.133, 58.134 and 58.135.

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§ 58.139 Record of tests.

Accurate records listing the results of quality and drug residue tests for each producer shall be kept on file at the plant. Additionally, the plant shall obtain the quality and drug residue test records (§ 58.148(a), (e) and (g)) for any producer transferring milk shipment from another plant. These records shall be available for examination by the inspector.

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§ 58.140 Field service.

A representative of the plant shall arrange to promptly visit the farm of each producer whose milk tests positive for drug residue, exceeds the maximum somatic cell count level, or does not meet the requirements for acceptable milk. The purpose of the visit shall be to inspect the milking equipment and facilities and to offer assistance to improve the quality of the producer's milk and eliminate any potential causes of drug residues. A representative of the plant should routinely visit each producer as often as necessary to assist and encourage the production of high quality milk.

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§ 58.141 Alternate quality control program.

When a plant has in operation an acceptable quality program, at the producer level, which is approved by the Administrator as being effective in ob-

taining results comparable to or higher than the quality program as outlined above for milk or cream, then such a program may be accepted in lieu of the program herein prescribed.

OPERATIONS AND OPERATING
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§ 58.142 Product quality and stability.

The receiving, holding and processing of milk and cream and the manufacturing, handling, packaging, storing and delivery of dairy products shall be in accordance with clean and sanitary methods, consistent with good commercial practices to promote the production of the highest quality of finished product and improve product stability. Milk should not be more than three days old when picked up from the producer and delivered to the plant, receiving station or transfer station.

§ 58.143 Raw product storage.

(a) All milk shall be held and processed under conditions and at temperatures that will avoid contamination and rapid deterioration. Drip milk from can washers and any other source shall not be used for the manufacture of dairy products. Bulk milk in storage tanks within the dairy plant shall be handled in such a manner as to minimize bacterial increase and shall be maintained at 45 °F. or lower until processing begins. This does not preclude holding milk at higher temperatures for a period of time, where applicable to particular manufacturing or processing practices.

(b) The bacteriological quality of commingled milk in storage tanks shall not exceed 3,000,000/ml.

§ 58.144 Pasteurization or ultra-pasteurization.

When pasteurization or ultra-pasteurization is intended or required, or when a product is designated "pasteurized" or "ultra-pasteurized" every particle of the product shall be subjected to such temperatures and holding periods in approved systems as will assure proper pasteurization or ultra-pasteurization of the product. The heat treatment by either process shall be sufficient to insure public health safety and to assure adequate keeping quality, yet