

GRADE A MILK LAW OF 2001 (EXCERPT)
Act 266 of 2001

288.534 Milk transport truck; requirements.

Sec. 64.

(1) The milk transportation company shall be responsible for maintaining the tank and milk contact surfaces of a milk tank truck clean and in good repair. Milk or milk products shall not be placed in such tanks unless the tanks have been properly cleaned and sanitized at a milk plant, receiving station, transfer station, or other licensed milk tank truck cleaning facility.

(2) Suitable facilities for cleaning and milk contact surfaces of the milk tank trucks shall be provided and the washing and sanitizing of the tanks shall be carried out by the receiving milk plant, transfer station, receiving station, or other licensed milk tank truck cleaning facility. The milk transportation company representative or the bulk milk hauler/sampler shall be responsible for cleaning the hose, pump, and valves. After the cleaning and sanitizing operation is completed, a representative of the milk tank truck cleaning facility shall provide a suitable record identifying who washed the milk tank truck, the license or permit identification number of the milk tank truck, the date, and the location of the facility. The milk transportation company representative or the bulk milk hauler/sampler, after inspection of the tank, shall indicate on the record that the tank has been cleaned to that person's satisfaction. A copy of this record shall be kept with the vehicle until it is washed and sanitized again.

(3) A bulk milk hauler/sampler operating a bulk milk pickup tanker may make more than 1 trip daily without cleaning and sanitizing the bulk milk pickup tanker. The bulk milk pickup tanker shall be cleaned and sanitized after the final trip of the day, each day of use.

(4) A milk transport tank shall be cleaned and sanitized each time the tank is emptied.

(5) Milk may be picked up in the milk tank truck on the return trip to the bulk milk hauler/sampler's home if the milk tank truck is cool enough to maintain the milk placed in it at or below the legal storage temperature and if the pickup hose and pump are washed and sanitized at a licensed wash facility or at a cleaning facility approved in writing by the director on a case-by-case basis.

(6) A milk tank truck may be used to haul potable water, or other wholesome liquid food products, if the milk contact surfaces are properly cleaned and sanitized prior to picking up raw milk. Certain pasteurized products, as specified in the pasteurized milk ordinance, must be transported in milk tank trucks dedicated to hauling pasteurized products.

(7) A milk transfer station or receiving station shall keep daily records identifying which farm loads of milk have been commingled in each milk transport tank. These records shall be kept at the transfer station or receiving station for not less than 30 days.

(8) Producer samples shall accompany the milk transport tank holding the largest amount of the farm bulk milk pickup tanker's milk unless the samples are transferred or held for testing at other locations.

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