

## Northeast Dairy Compact Commission

## § 1304.1

1304.5 Classification of producer milk at a partially regulated plant.

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### § 1304.1 Classification of milk.

All fluid milk products required to be reported by a handler pursuant to this section shall be classified as follows:

(a) Class I milk shall be all fluid milk products disposed of in the regulated area, and in packaged inventory of fluid milk products at the end of the month, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section;

(b) Fluid milk products:

(1) Disposed of in the form of a fluid cream product or any product containing artificial fat, fat substitutes, or six percent or more nonmilk fat (or oil) that resembles a fluid cream product, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this section;

(2) In packaged inventory at the end of the month of the products specified in paragraph (b) (1) of this section and in bulk concentrated fluid milk products in inventory at the end of the month;

(3) In bulk fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products disposed of or diverted to a commercial food processor if the compact commission is permitted to audit the records of the commercial food processing establishment for the purpose of verification. Otherwise, such uses shall be Class I;

(4) Used to produce:

(i) Cottage cheese, lowfat cottage cheese, dry curd cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, pot cheese, Creole cheese, and any similar soft, high moisture cheese resembling cottage cheese in form or use;

(ii) Milkshake and ice milk mixes (or bases), frozen desserts, and frozen dessert mixes distributed in one-quart containers or larger and intended to be used in soft or semi-solid form;

(iii) Aerated cream, frozen cream, sour cream and sour half-and-half, sour cream mixtures containing nonmilk items, yogurt and any other semi-solid product;

(iv) Custards, puddings, pancake mixes, buttermilk biscuit mixes, coatings, batter and similar products;

(v) Formulas especially prepared for infant feeding or dietary use (meal replacement) that are packaged in hermetically sealed containers;

(vi) Candy, soup, bakery products and other prepared foods which are processed for general distribution to the public, and intermediate products, including sweetened condensed milk, to be used in processing such prepared food products; and

(vii) Any product not otherwise specified in this section.

(c) All fluid milk products:

(1) Used to produce:

(i) Cream cheese and other spreadable cheeses, and hard cheeses of types that may be shredded, grated, or crumbled, and are not included in paragraph (b)(4)(i) of this section;

(ii) Butter, plastic cream, anhydrous milkfat and butteroil;

(iii) Any milk product in dry form, except nonfat dry milk;

(iv) Evaporated or sweetened condensed milk in a consumer-type package and evaporated or sweetened condensed skim milk in a consumer-type package; and

(2) In inventory at the end of the month of unconcentrated fluid milk products in bulk form and products in bulk form and products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section in bulk form;

(3) In fluid milk products, products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, and products processed by the disposing handler that are specified in paragraphs (b)(4) (i)–(iv) of this section, that are disposed of by a handler for animal feed;

(4) In fluid milk products, products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, and products processed by the disposing handler that are specified in paragraphs (v)(4) (i)–(iv) of this section, that are dumped by a handler. The compact commission may require notification by the handler of such dumping in advance for the purpose of having the opportunity to verify such disposition. In any case, classification under this paragraph requires a handler to maintain adequate records of such use, if advance notification of such dumping is not possible, or if the compact commission so requires, the

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handler must notify the compact commission on the next business day following such use;

(5) In fluid milk products and products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section that are destroyed or lost by a handler in a vehicular accident, flood, fire, or in a similar occurrence beyond the handler's control, to the extent that the quantities destroyed or lost can be verified from records satisfactory to the compact commission.

(6) In skim milk in any modified fluid milk product or in any product specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section that is in excess of the quantity of skim milk in such product that was included within the fluid milk product definition pursuant to §1301.14 and the fluid cream product definition pursuant to §1301.15.

(d) All fluid milk products used to produce nonfat dry milk.

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**§ 1304.2 Classification of transfers and diversions**

(a) *Transfers and diversions to pool plants.* Fluid milk products transferred or diverted from a pool plant to another pool plant or partially regulated plant shall be classified as Class I milk unless the operators of both plants request not to classify it Class I. In either case, the classification of such transfers or diversion shall be subject to the following conditions;

(1) The fluid milk products classified in Class I shall be limited to the amount of fluid milk products, respectively, remaining in Class I at the transferee-plant or diverted-plant.

(2) [Reserved]

(b) *Transfers and diversions to producers-handlers.* Fluid milk products transferred or diverted from a pool plant to a producer-handler shall be classified as Class I.

(c) *Transfers to plants located outside of the regulated area.* Fluid milk products (not including bulk transfers of skim milk, condensed milk, bulk milk transferred and classified Class I by a federal market order and milk processed (i.e., pasturized, homogenized, or blended) transferred in bulk from a pool plant to a plant located outside of the regulated area, except a partially

regulated plant having Class I disposition in the regulated area, the volume of milk (including milk diverted pursuant to §1301.23(d)) in excess of the percentage of total producer receipts, pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, shall be excluded from producer milk. The transferred milk excluded pursuant to this paragraph shall be prorated to all sources of milk received at this plant unless the operator of the plant selects the sources to be excluded. This paragraph will not apply to any pool plant in which the facilities are temporarily unusable because of fire, flood, storm, equipment failure or similar extraordinary circumstances completely beyond the pool plant operator's control; provided, the operator of the pool plant notifies the Commission within two (2) days following such occurrence;

(d) Milk transferred in excess of the following percentages of total producer receipts shall be excluded from producer milk:

	Percent
January, February, July, December .....	10
March, April, May, June .....	13
August, September, October, November .....	8

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**§ 1304.3 General classification rules.**

In determining the classification of producer milk pursuant to §1304.4, the following rules shall apply:

(a) Each month the compact commission shall correct for mathematical and other obvious errors all reports filed pursuant to §1303.1 and shall compute separately for each pool plant and for each cooperative association with respect to milk for which it is the handler pursuant to §1301.9(d) the pounds of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in Class I in accordance with §§1304.1 and 1304.2;

(b) The classification of producer milk for which a cooperative association is the handler pursuant to §1301.9(d) shall be determined separately from the operations of any pool plant operated by such cooperative; and