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I recently received my copy of the September 1996 issue of "Food Microbiology Newsletter" published for the Food Microbiology Divisions of the Institute of Food Technologists and the American Society for Microbiology. As I was scanning through the newsletter, I was struck by the number of people I knew through IAMFES, who were also very active in IFT/ASM. The obvious suddenly dawned on me! Most of us are affiliated with more than one professional organization, often at local, national and international levels. Personally, while I am a member of a number of professional societies, I am most active in three organizations. I serve as President of IAMFES; I sit on the Board of Directors of AOAC International, Inc.; and I maintain an active role in our local affiliate, the Ontario Food Protection Association. Such involvement can create a dilemma when it comes time to register for or participate in meetings which overlap or which are scheduled very close together.

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"Commercialism Policy revisited"

It hardly seems possible that by the time you read this, five months will have elapsed since our 83rd Annual Meeting in Seattle. As the memories of that July event fade, we are reminded that we are well into detailed planning for next year's meeting in Orlando. This includes the call for abstracts and entrants in the Developing Scientist Awards Competitions (due by December 16, 1996) that appeared in the August 1996 issue of DFES.

Also appearing in that issue was the IAMFES Policy on Commercialism. Applicable to all presenters, this important policy was adopted to preserve the educational integrity of our Annual Meeting program. In fact, it's so important that I'm dedicating the rest of this space to a review of it.

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Consumer Response to the Use of Lasers in Food Processing

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SUMMARY

Consumer response to the laser treatment of foods was investigated via group discussions with “conventional” consumers and “alternative” consumers previously found to be skeptical of innovations. Consumers were asked for an initial response to lasers, general food safety concerns, traditional and newer methods to control salmonella, and willingness to buy products treated by traditional or newer methods. Conventional consumers were concerned about salmonella and other bacteria: only 20% indicated they were willing to purchase untreated poultry. People had positive associations with the term laser, recalling its use in supermarket scanners, medicine, and entertainment. Most conventional consumers (57%) were undecided about the safety of laser-processed food, while most alternative consumers (61%) expressed concern. Nevertheless, about half (51%) of the conventional consumers said they were willing to buy laser-treated food on the basis of minimal information about the process and this proportion increased to two-thirds following the discussion. In the group discussions consumers wanted information about the process benefits, the safety of the treatment, community, environmental, and worker safety, and endorsement by recognized health experts. Consumers lacked information as to the food safety approach and specific food-handling practices used in the industry. Many found rinsing poultry with chlorinated water unappealing and expressed concern about flavor and environmental impact. Sanitarians, as credible professionals in the field, can contribute to consumer understanding of food safety issues.

INTRODUCTION

Ultraviolet light, a form of electromagnetic wave radiation which includes electric and radio waves, infrared and visible rays, and UV and shorter wavelengths, has been recognized as effective in controlling microorganisms since the early 1990s. Recently the availability of new pulsed, high-peak power light sources providing narrow-band UV (excimer lasers) and broadband UV flashlamps has permitted the investigation of new uses of laser light in food science. The use of pulsed UV laser technology as a nonthermal, nonadditive process to control surface microbial contaminations holds promise. Laboratory experiments have demonstrated laser effectiveness in decreasing microbiological contamination of poultry, reducing mold spores on produce, and destroying insects (7). Applications in the industrial setting are still in the exploratory stage; however, this new technology has numerous potential applications in the food industry, depending on public acceptance and cost effectiveness. Consumer acceptance of a new technology is dependent on its portrayal by information sources and by consumer attitudes. Informa-
tion is most likely to be believed when it seems reasonable on the basis of prior knowledge and when the same message is heard frequently from credible sources (1). Consumer research indicates the public places greatest credibility in nutrition and safety information from recognized health professionals. Regulatory authorities have gradually increased in credibility in recent years, while consumer and advocacy groups have lost credibility (3, 5, 6, 8). Mass media is a widely used information source but it is not considered very reliable.

The purpose of this study is to investigate consumers’ response to the concept of laser-treated foods by determining their initial response to the term, their concerns, perceived benefits of this technology, and their information sources for technological information. By identifying consumer attitudes toward laser processing and credible information sources prior to industrial use, possible consumer skepticism can be reduced and consumer-driven educational information can be developed and delivered.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

To anticipate a spectrum of consumer response to laser technology, two groups of consumers were interviewed. “Conventional” consumers were recruited from community service groups and “alternative” consumers were recruited from a local supermarket cooperative, members of which have been shown previously to resist technological change (2, 4). Consumers were not given information about the topic of discussion prior to recruitment to prevent self-selection based upon prior belief or orientation. As an incentive, participants received financial compensation which they could keep or donate to their organization. Participation was voluntary and followed University of California guidelines for human subjects.

The focus group began with an opening question to stimulate thought and assess current attitudes toward laser technology. Participants were asked, “Have you heard of lasers?” and “What do you think about when you hear the word laser?” Following this very brief discussion, consumers were given a prediscussion questionnaire in which they indicated their levels of concern for pesticides in food, antibiotics and hormone residues in animal products, food additives and preservatives, nitrates in food, food irradiation, salmonella and other bacteria, and cholesterol in food. The questionnaire included a written statement describing laser applications in entertainment, surgical procedures, supermarket scanners, and in decreasing or eliminating microorganisms in food. Following this statement, they were asked for their concerns about laser-treated foods and their willingness to buy laser-treated poultry, fruits, and vegetables.

After the prediscussion questionnaire was completed, the authors asked questions to determine the participants’ general food safety concerns and specific concerns related to salmonella and other bacteria. The consumers were asked for their reactions to the use of chlorine dips and food irradiation to control salmonella. Laser treatment was described and the consumers were asked for their responses to laser-treated chicken, fruits, or vegetables. After the group discussion, consumers completed a postdiscussion questionnaire which was used to evaluate any attitude changes toward laser treatment. In addition, consumers were asked to rate the credibility of different information sources, and they were asked for standard demographic information.

Interviews took place throughout California from April 1993 to May 1994. Attitudes of conventional consumers were obtained from five interviews with an average group size of seven and total sample size of 35. Alternative consumers were more difficult to recruit. People would sign up for an interview, but fail to appear. A total of five interviews were conducted with one to seven participants per interview, and a total of eighteen respondents. Authors Bruhn and/or Wong were present at each interview. The findings are based on an in-depth interview of a relatively small number of people. The results indicate thought processes and general impressions. The sample is not large enough for national projections.

The majority of subjects were Caucasian females and were married or living with someone (Table 1). Most (82%) of both conventional and alternative consumers had completed some post-high-school education. Fifty-six percent of the conventional consumers were 50 years of age or older with the 30 to 39 years of age group representing 20% of the sample. Family income of conventional consumers was $20,000 to $49,000. Alternative consumers were younger with 50% between 20 and 29 years of age and 39% between 30 and 39 years. Gross annual income was lower with less than half earning $20,000. Occupations for both groups were widely diverse, ranging from professional and technical jobs to clerical, homemaking, and retirement.

RESULTS

General laser (nonfood) discussion

Both groups expressed a positive attitude toward lasers. People said “laser” reminded them of beams of light, supermarket scanners, surgical instruments, compact discs and/or movie discs, computer printers, and the movie, “Star Wars.” One person even commented, “Lasers are cool.”

Food safety concerns

Initial levels of concern among conventional and alternative consumers were not significantly different for pesticides, antibiotics,
TABLE 1. Demographic characteristics of consumers

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aConventional, n=52; alternative, 18; total, 53.

additives, nitrates, food irradiation, salmonella and bacteria, and cholesterol (Table 2). Despite previous questions about salmonella and the recognition that chicken may contain potentially harmful microorganisms, more than 60% of the alternative group were willing to purchase untreated poultry compared to 20% of conventional consumers (Table 3). Similarly, 72% of alternative consumers were willing to buy untreated soft fruit with the current shelf life compared to 44% of conventional consumers. Previous research suggests that compared to the conventional, alternative consumers are more likely to find “natural” food products with a shorter shelf life acceptable (2).

Group discussion indicated most consumers have not thought of methods to control microorganisms and responded negatively to rinsing poultry in chlorinated water. Concern about chemical rinses were also rated in a national survey. Several concerns raised potential flavor and safety issues noted in the following comments:

- Anything treated that way would not taste natural. I would not buy it.
- I can wash off the residue in vegetables, but meat is more porous.
- It is like marinating meat in bleach.
- The harmful effects of salmonella may outweigh the harmful effects of chlorine. You have to look at it that way if you’ve ever had food poisoning. I’ve had food poisoning twice, and I don’t want to take the risk.
- I think that chlorine dumped into the creek isn’t a good idea. I know it would kill other organisms in the water, so I’d be concerned with how they dispose of it afterwards.

Response to laser processing

When hearing about potential applications of laser processing to food, 57% of conventional consumers were undecided about safety, with 26% expressing minor concern (Table 4). In contrast, most alternative consumers expressed major or minor concern. Information influenced each group. After the discussion, about the same percentage of alternative consumers expressed major concern; however, those undecided increased to 41%. Most conventional consumers expressed minor concern (41%) or no concern (28%). Likelihood to buy laser-treated food increased to over 70% among conventional consumers. Most conventional consumers expected laser-treated food to be more expensive than nontreated food.

Some consumers said laser treatment of foods “sounds clean” on the basis of correlation between laser usage in medicine and laser treatment of food. Reflecting this
### TABLE 2. Conventional and alternative consumer’s concerns about food safety

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*NS, not significant; *, Significant at P < 0.05. Scored major concern = 1, Minor concern = 2, Undecided = 3, No concern = 4.

view, one consumer commented, “It appears to be safer than dipping and other treatments, and would not have residues if they are just using light.” People wondered if all lasers were the same. They also commented on the potential use of laser treatment to reduce the use of pesticides.

Prior to the discussion, about half of conventional consumers were willing to buy laser-treated poultry or fruit, and the proportion increased to two-thirds following discussion (Table 3). Half or more of alternative consumers preferred to buy untreated poultry and fruit both prior to and after discussion; however, about one-quarter were interested in buying the laser-treated foods after the discussion.

Many consumers volunteered they would prefer laser-treated over irradiated food.

- I don’t think I’d really be against lasers. I guess it’s because I haven’t really heard anything bad about lasers, whereas X-rays have a lot of risks medically.

Some, however preferred irradiation because it penetrated the entire food.

- This is the most effective and least dangerous of the treatments. It leaves no residues.

The treatment method made no difference to others.

- I am neutral. I just eat.
TABLE 3. Percentage of consumer groups willing to buy laser-treated, irradiated, or untreated poultry and fruit before and after discussion

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<td>47</td>
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*Conventional group, n = 35; alternative, 18.

• I've heard about it, and I don't care.

Others, specially alternative consumers, preferred no treatment. Concerns about laser treatment were expressed by some in each group. Consumers frequently asked about long-term effect and potential carcinogenic residue.

• You might come out with these things, and in a few years it is cancer-causing.

• I don't want side effects and have to correct problems later.

Several wanted to know if there was an effect on nutritional quality. Some consumers wondered which countries were using lasers. Those who were more risk adverse indicated they would be more comfortable if other countries had been using the technology for years and years.

• If the technology is too new, I would not buy it. There could be long-term effects that you don't know about.

• I would not buy it now, maybe in 10 years.

Some wondered if lasers would always work well.

• I am skeptical about how it works.

Consumers implied that a method was needed to assure the laser effectively did the job.

• Just make sure it's effective and that it really works. Light lasers are used at the supermarkets and libraries. If they can't read the UPC code, then you can just type in the number and it tells you what it is.

People were concerned about the impact of a laser treatment facility in a community. They wondered if there were emissions or if the worker or the public was at risk when near a laser facility.

• Are there little brown people getting paid $35 cents an hour and dying at 35, or going blind?

People wondered if the facility emitted rays or energy, like tele-

TABLE 4. Consumer response to laser-treated food

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Developing this technology, consumers stressed the need for comprehensive research honestly conveyed to the public. Most also expressed a desire for labeling. Typical responses included:

- Just be thorough and honest.
- Just make sure there is more testing for long-term effects, and also labeling so we can make our own decisions.
- I don’t trust the government or government safety standards. A good result raises questions in my mind. I am skeptical of any chemicals or procedures.
- If this is a good technology and this will help make people less sick, wonderful! But I need proof from an independent party.

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CONCLUSION

Most consumers are familiar with the term laser and respond to the word positively. Acceptance of this technology would be enhanced by consumer education. Conventional consumers want more information about laser treatment while alternative consumers are skeptical of its safety and benefits.

Although the focus of this research was laser processing, findings have application to consumer education on food safety and introduction of any new technology. In evaluating a food treatment, people have questions about food, worker, and community safety. Therefore information about new technologies must be broad-based.

phone wires. Environmental concerns were expressed by many.
- It is great if it doesn’t change the environment.

Both conventional and alternative consumers felt that the real problem and the emphasis of food safety should be the improvement of food-handling practices. Consumers felt that laser processing may serve as a catch-all, possibly increasing inappropriate food-handling practices prior to treatment.

Both groups also criticized the efficiency of laser treatment since it is only a surface treatment.
- It sounds to me the surface isn’t enough. I’m not sure why you would care about doing it to the surface because you are going to eat the inside. It seems to me that the theory is flawed.

Consumers agreed that they needed more information about laser treatment of foods prior to purchasing.

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and address the total food and environmental system.

People are unaware and somewhat skeptical of common food sanitation practices and believe foodborne microbes should be controlled simply by careful handling. Consumers need to be reminded that pathogenic bacteria can contaminate a surface via aerosol in a washing room, and that visual cleanliness does not guarantee microbiological sterility. Some are concerned that new technologies may be used to compensate for careless food handling. To address this misconception consumers should hear about the multiple control point approach critical to good management practices and hazard analysis critical control point programs. Chlorinated wash, pasteurization, or other processes are effective when part of a total quality program.

Sanitarians, as members of the credible scientific community, have an opportunity to make a difference in consumer education. Educational outreach can be enhanced if these points are considered in professional as well as informal communications with the public.

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SUMMARY

In the United States, the safety and quality of milk and dairy products is the responsibility of both federal and state agencies. The Food and Drug Administration has certain responsibilities under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Public Health Act, the Milk Import Act, and the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Division provides various programs for the dairy industry including administering federal milk marketing orders and the grading and supervising production of certain non-Grade A dairy products. The individual states have enacted safety and quality regulations for Grade A and manufacturing grade milk. Aseptic regulations for milk products come under the authority of the FDA and the state regulatory authority.

INTRODUCTION

In the United States, the safety and quality of milk and dairy products is the responsibility of both federal and state agencies. On the federal side, these responsibilities are assumed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The FDA has the ultimate regulatory authority and monitoring responsibility over the dairy industry, while USDA involvement with this industry is voluntary and service-oriented. Each state carries out certain regulatory functions with respect to the dairy industry within that state.

In dealing with the safety and quality of milk and dairy products, the U.S. dairy industry identifies two grades of milk: Grade A and manufacturing grade (commonly called Grade B). Grade A milk is produced and handled in accordance with strict sanitation requirements and is intended for use in fluid milk products. Grade A milk may be used in manufactured dairy products such as ice cream, frozen desserts, and cheese (excluding cottage cheese). Less stringent sanitation requirements apply to the production and handling of Grade B milk, and such milk may be used only in manufactured dairy products such as butter, cheese, and powdered milks. Ninety percent of milk is sold to plants and dealers as Grade A.

The topics to be covered in more detail are:

- The rationale for the Grade A Program in America
- The Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance
- The role of the FDA
- The role of the USDA
- The role of the states
- Aseptic processing

RATIONALE FOR GRADE A PROGRAM

Interstate milk shipment program

In the 1920s and 1930s, the movement of milk and milk products from one political jurisdiction to another was restricted by the availability of producer milk to a point of processing and marketing. Exceptions occurred in large metropolitan areas contiguous to one or more political subdivisions, which made it necessary for milk to be shipped across political (or regulatory jurisdiction) boundaries.
A second and equally important impediment to the movement of milk was differences in state and local public health regulations. These differences often made it difficult, if not impossible, to ship milk between geographical areas. If movement was necessary, it was often done under the supervision of the local regulatory authority.

It was with this background that dairy industry leaders and government regulatory authorities initiated action that led to the formation of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) in the early 1950s. The goal of the Conference is (1) to provide sanitary regulations to protect public health; (2) to ensure uniformity and enforcement of milk regulations, and reciprocity; and (3) to ensure that milk is produced under regulations which would safeguard public health—in short, the objective was and remains to safeguard public health—in short, the objective was and remains to provide “The best possible milk supply for all people.”

### National conference on interstate milk shipment

The Conference is a voluntary organization consisting of representatives from each state, FDA, USDA, and the dairy industry. This organization maintains a federal-state milk certification program (Interstate Milk Shippers Program) to facilitate the movement of Grade A milk in interstate commerce. The program relies on the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) for uniform sanitary standards, requirements, and procedures. This program provides the state agencies, U.S. governmental agencies (Department of Defense, General Services Administration), and the dairy industry with reliable data on sources of acceptable high-quality milk. These sources are published quarterly in the IMS List Sanitation Compliance and Enforcement Ratings of Interstate Milk Shippers. The IMS List is available from the FDA-Milk Safety Branch.

Sanitary Standards are referenced in the PMO as appropriate sanitary design criteria and are used in many cases to evaluate the compliance of equipment with established hygienic standards.

### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Food and Drug Administration has the responsibility under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Public Health Act, and the Milk Import Act to assure the public that the nation’s milk supply and imported dairy products are safe and wholesome. The FDA has the regulatory authority to require processors of both Grade A and Grade B milk to take remedial action when conditions exist that could jeopardize the safety and wholesomeness of milk and dairy products being handled. Normally, FDA limits its compliance activities to milk and dairy products moving in interstate commerce.

To lessen its regulatory compliance burden, the FDA has entered into a cooperative arrangement with the states. Through a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), which comprises all 50 states, the FDA and the states share the responsibility for ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of Grade A milk and dairy products. To assist in this effort, FDA has cooperated in developing and publishing, for state adoption, “model” regulations that address safety and quality issues.

### Grade A pasteurized milk ordinance

These model milk regulations, titled the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), are not produced by the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) and the Food and Drug Administration alone and are not written as a federal law. The PMO is developed as a uniform standard for the effort between federal and state milk sanitation and regulatory agencies. The evolution of the PMO has been a truly cooperative effort.

The PMO comprises two parts and appendixes and contains sanitary quality standards for Grade A pasteurized milk and milk products.

Part I is unabridged; it is arranged and presented in a form which can be adopted as an ordinance or as any other legal instrument.

Part II contains the Ordinances, the public health reason for each requirement, and administrative procedures that are designed to unify the interpretation of the PMO and, particularly in the case of the sanitation requirements, provide details as to methods of satisfactory compliance. It should be noted that Section 15 provides that enforce ment shall be in accordance with the administrative procedures contained in Part II.

The Appendices are 15 in number, containing detailed explanatory material on various aspects of milk sanitation technology and administration—for example, individual water-supply and sewage disposal-system standards, pasteurization-equipment specification and tests, industry dairy-farm inspector-certification procedures, and milk-production methods.

The Public Health Service and Food and Drug Administration recommend that the PMO be the basic standard used in the voluntary state-Public Health Service cooperative for certification of Interstate Milk Shippers. The PHS (Public Health Service) has legal jurisdiction to enforce milk sanitation standards on interstate commerce of milk and milk products.

The PMO is incorporated by reference in federal specifications for procurement of milk and milk products; it is used by the sanitary regulators for milk and milk products served on interstate carriers; it is recognized by public health agencies, and the milk industry and has been adopted by the states as a
national standard for milk sanitation. It is also recognized in the 1995 edition of the FDA Food Code relative to acceptable milk sources.

The advantages of the NCIMS (National Conferences on Interstate Milk Shipments) cooperative programs are:

A. The model ordinance and code discourages the use of public health regulations to establish unwarranted trade barriers against the acceptance of high-quality milk from other milksheds. Provides for full reciprocity which allows free interstate movement of IMS-listed milk and milk products.

B. The model ordinance and code allows the establishment of effective and well-balanced milk sanitation programs in each state.

C. The Conference stimulates the adoption of adequate and uniform state and local milk-control legislation and encourages the application of uniform enforcement procedures through appropriate legal and educational measures.

In addition to participating in preparing the PMO, the responsibilities of the PHS and FDA to the NCIMS include:

A. Standardizing the rating procedures of state and federal personnel at least every three years.

B. Publishing a list of Regional Milk Specialists and State Milk Sanitation Rating Officers whose rating methods and interpretations of the PMO have been evaluated and certified by the PHS and FDA.

C. Standardizing the evaluation procedures of State Milk Laboratory Evaluation Officers and State Sampling Surveillance Officers.

D. Publishing a list of State Milk Laboratory Evaluation Officers whose competence in interpreting and evaluating milk laboratory methods have been evaluated and certified by the PHS and FDA.

E. Publishing quarterly the Sanitation Compliance and Enforcement Ratings of Interstate Milk Shippers (IMS List). The IMS List contains a state-by-state enumeration of all current listed milk and milk product shippers, along with their products' sanitation and enforcement rating scores.

F. Extending to state regulatory agencies and educational institutions assistance in the training of representatives of state and local governmental units, including milk sanitation rating, milk laboratory evaluation, sampling surveillance officers, and dairy industry personnel.

G. Conducting check ratings of the sanitation compliance status of listed interstate shippers.

H. Evaluating and approving the laboratory facilities and publishing a list of approved laboratories.

I. Assisting in development of sanitary standards for the fabrication of single-service containers and closures for milk and milk products and publishing a list of acceptable single-service plants.

On the Grade B side, the FDA has an arrangement with the USDA under which the latter assists the states in developing safety and quality regulations for the manufacturing milk industry within their local areas. The FDA periodically inspects ice-cream, frozen-dessert, and cheese-manufacturing plants for compliance with the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act using the PMO or the current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food. FDA also promulgates standards of identity and labeling, quality, and fill-of-container requirements for milk and dairy products moving in interstate commerce.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is directed to carry out certain voluntary service functions to aid in the efficient marketing of American agricultural products. These services include developing quality grade standards and specifications for foods, furnishing inspection and grading services, and recommending standards to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.

Dairy grading and standardization activities

The USDA develops and revises U.S. grade standards and federal specifications for manufactured dairy products to facilitate fair trade between buyers and sellers. These standards are the basis for assigning official U.S. grades to such products.

The USDA also inspects dairy manufacturing plants to determine if good sanitation practices are being followed. Only after an inspection shows that the plant has met the requirements in the General Specifications for Approved Plants can that plant qualify for other services of grading, sampling, testing, and certification of its products. The USDA has no regulatory authority regarding plant of its products. The USDA has no regulatory authority regarding plant The USDA/Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) publishes a quarterly
list of Dairy Plants Surveyed and Approved for USDA Grading Service. The dairy plants listed in this publication are inspected periodically by the USDA.

USDA plant approval is determined by unannounced inspections, conducted at least twice yearly and covering more than 100 items, including milk supply, plant facilities, condition of equipment, sanitary practices, and processing procedures. The inspection and grading criteria are outlined in General Specifications for Dairy Plants Approved for USDA Inspection and Grading Service of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products (7 CFR 58.101 to 58.938) administered by the Dairy Division of the USDA.

The Dairy Grading Branch of the AMS Dairy Division also provides service under its resident grading and quality control service. Plants using this service are listed in Dairy Plants Surveyed and Approved for USDA Grading Service with an asterisk. This full-time program offers on-the-spot official grading of the plant’s manufactured products, laboratory testing and quality control, and plant inspection services. The resident program also makes available to the plant manager the technical know-how and experience of the Dairy Grading Branch’s supervisory staff for help in solving product quality problems.

Plant inspection services and the Resident Grading and Quality Control Program are available on a voluntary basis, and fees are charged to cover costs.

Additionally, the USDA Dairy Grading Branch conducts equipment sanitary design reviews. The USDA Dairy Grading Branch fully supports and utilizes established 3-A Sanitary Standards and 3-A Accepted Practices. When equipment or systems are presented for USDA review for which a 3-A standards or practices have been developed, the USDA will use the sanitary criteria of that document. When a USDA review of equipment is requested for which there are no 3-A standards, the USDA will use the general criteria found in their publication titled USDA Guidelines for Dairy Equipment Design and Fabrication. These guidelines are consistent with the sanitary criteria found in the 3-A Sanitary Standards.

United States Department of Agriculture model regulations

Under an arrangement with the USDA, the FDA assists individual states in establishing safety and quality regulations for manufacturing-grade (Grade B) milk. In this regard, the USDA has developed model regulations for state adoption that related to the quality and sanitation aspects of producing and handling such milk. These regulations are set forth in the Recommended Requirements for Milk for Manufacturing Purposes and Its Production and Processing. USDA officials monitor the state programs to determine compliance with the Recommended Requirements and also provide training to state inspectors. The 29 states that have Grade B milk have adopted these model regulations.

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture has endorsed the USDA Recommended Requirements as the minimum acceptable standards for all milk produced for manufacturing purposes. State regulations which are more strict can be written into the law to fit particular local needs. A state has the regulatory authority to permit or reject the sale of raw manufacturing-grade milk based on compliance with these laws. The USDA monitors the progress being made toward uniform enforcement of the Recommended Requirements by reviewing state laws and dairy farm facilities. Observations made by USDA representatives are discussed with state officials. These discussions and comparisons with neighboring states are useful to initiate needed changes in state laws, and to get state funding for effective enforcement programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATES

Individual states have enacted safety and quality regulations for Grade A and manufacturing-grade (Grade B) milk which are essentially identical to those set forth in the PMO and the USDA Recommended Requirements, respectively. The enforcement of these regulations is normally the responsibility of state departments of health or agriculture. The states’ authority comes from their state statutes. The states are the primary regulatory agencies and generally have the last word.

Specifically with respect to equipment, approval must come from state regulatory authorities. Most states have adopted the PMO as their basic Grade A milk sanitation document. Some have adopted 3-A Sanitary Standards and 3-A Accepted Practices as regulation while others use 3-A criteria during plant inspections. The states sometimes rely on the Public Health Service and Food and Drug Administration for guidance on many issues. This may involve equipment for which there are no 3-A standards or for application and/or interpretation of specific requirements of the PMO. The Public Health Service and Food and Drug Administration may issue coded memoranda on selected issues not covered by existing regulations or standards and/or to clarify existing regulations. Even though the states are the primary enforcement authority, if there is imminent public health danger, the Public Health Service and Food and Drug Administration will enter directly into the regulatory process by the authority granted them by
the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. However, the Public Health Service and Food and Drug Administration usual stature is one of cooperation, assistance, and advice.

The states' role is of course much more detailed than is described here; but the enforcement procedures for certifying interstate milk shippers will be uniform in all 50 states. The regulations may vary slightly from state to state, but they will have as a minimum those found in the PMO and the 3-A Sanitary Standards.

The states may also establish their own standards of identity and labeling requirements for milk and dairy products; however, they are generally uniform with the federal requirements.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF ASEPTIC PROCESSING AND PACKAGING

There are three sets of regulatory requirements for food safety applicable to aseptic food processing and packaging operations. Aseptic systems can fall under the regulatory jurisdiction of either the Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of Agriculture. The processor and/or equipment supplier will need to determine which regulatory requirements are pertinent based upon the type of product being processed. When milk or milk products, as defined in the PMO, are involved, the aseptic operation must comply with the provisions of the PMO in addition to the Food and Drug Administration low-acid canned-food regulations (LACF). Since 1983 the PMO has included aseptically processed milk products and serves as a code of practice for the production and processing of these products.

FDA regulations

Low-acid and acidified low-acid food products which contain little or no meat or poultry are covered by the FDA Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) regulations for "Thermally Processed Low-Acid foods Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers," and for "Acidified Foods." These regulations are found in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, (CFR) Parts 108, 113, and 114. Section 113.40 (g) lists specific requirements for low-acid aseptic processing and packaging systems, including specifications for equipment and instrumentation.

The FDA requires registration of aseptic processing plants and filing of thermal processes and sterilization procedures before food products can be distributed in interstate commerce. The FDA regulations rely upon aseptic processing and packaging authorities to establish adequate parameters for sterilization of product, packages, and equipment, so that commercial sterility of the end product is ensured.

The FDA exerts its influence over the types of aseptic processing and packaging systems that can be utilized to produce foods for distribution into interstate commerce by its review and acceptance or rejection of process filing forms from individual companies. When a company files processing schedules for new aseptic processing or packaging systems, the FDA technical staff requests sufficient information from the processor to evaluate the adequacy of the equipment and procedures to produce a commercially sterile product. Usually, the equipment manufacturer(s) and the processing authority are involved in the presentation of this information to the FDA. The FDA relies upon periodic inspection of processing plants to monitor compliance with these regulatory requirements.

Food-contact surfaces of aseptic packaging materials, and package sterilization media, including hydrogen peroxide and irradiation, must be approved by the FDA for their intended purpose before they may be used in FDA- or USDA-regulated food establishments. Present approved uses are listed in 21 CFR 174 through 179. For new uses a petition must be submitted to the FDA to amend the food additive regulations. Procedures and types of data necessary to support such a petition are described in 21 CFR 171.

United States Department of Agriculture/Food Safety and Inspection Service aseptic guidelines

Aseptically processed (and nonaseptically processed) products containing the equivalent of at least 3% raw meat or 2% cooked poultry, fall under the jurisdiction of the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Products containing less than 2% cooked poultry may receive FSIS inspection on a voluntary basis. FSIS currently regulates aseptic processing and packaging operations through procedures described in a 1984 publication, *Guidelines for Aseptic Processing and Packaging Systems in Meat and Poultry Plants*. These guidelines cover the types of information that will be required by the FSIS before approval of aseptic processing and packaging systems.

CONCLUSION

The dairy regulatory situation in the U.S. may involve the FDA, USDA, and/or state regulatory authorities. Although the FDA has oversight responsibilities for ensuring the safety and quality of milk and milk products, it is the individual states which have the primary responsibility for regulation of dairy farms and milk plants and equipment approval. The USDA Dairy Division is not a regulatory agency, but offers voluntary inspection services. However, in order for a dairy product to receive
a USDA Grade it must be manufactured in a USDA-inspected plant, and only graded dairy products are eligible for purchase by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Bulk Starter Media for Mesophilic Starter Cultures: A Review

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INTRODUCTION

Lactic acid bacteria are used in the production of fermented dairy products such as yogurt, sour cream, and many types of cheeses (8, 40). In cheese manufacturing, starter cultures are added to fermentation tanks and cheese vats at a predetermined rate to allow the timely sequencing of manufacturing steps. Thus, for large-scale production of cheese, a bank of suitable cultures is required (40). Cultures should be selected according to their quality characteristics before being used in cheese manufacturing (8, 19, 40). Besides the type of culture used, the type of medium used for propagation of such cultures plays an important role in their performance in fermentation (6). It has been established that different types of bulk media had different effects on starter culture activity regarding the yield produced. Therefore, bulk media should be selected properly to achieve the maximum activity of starter cultures. The aims of this review are to present a brief description for the selection of mesophilic starter cultures, to highlight some technical aspects of bulk media used in propagation of mesophilic starter cultures, and to review the agglutination behavior of mesophilic starter cultures as a major problem associated with internal pH control medium (ICM).

CULTURE SELECTION

In cheese making, starter-culture performance and activity represent more uncertainties than other processing steps, such as renneting and cooking, which are relatively constant from day to day (40, 43). Starter culture is used to produce sufficient lactic acid and to obtain desirable cheese flavor and textural characteristics (11, 40). Lactic cultures convert lactose in milk to lactic acid and a few other desirable end products.

The most common type of cultures used are termed single or mixed strains (11, 22). A single-strain culture contains one strain of either Lactococcus lactis subsp. lactis or subsp. cremoris. A mixed-strain culture contains two or more compatible strains (11, 29, 40). Some commercial cultures may also contain one or more strains of flavor bacteria such as Leuconostoc mesenteroides subsp. cremoris or Lactococcus lactis biovar diacetylactis. Most mixed- or multiple-strain starter cultures used for cheese manufacture contain one or more strains of L. lactis subsp. cremoris (29, 40). The use of starter cultures that include strains of L. lactis subsp. lactis has decreased in recent years because cheese produced with these starter cultures often develops fruity, fermented, and bitter flavor (14, 49). In addition, L. lactis subsp. lactis is more susceptible to phage infection than L. lactis subsp. cremoris (49).

A culture must satisfy a number of important requirements before it can be used in cheese manufacturing. These requirements include essential acid production and flavor development (29), phage insensitivity (50), absence of bacteriocin (3), and sensitivity to cooking temperature (32). Individual strains of starter cultures have been shown to produce different yields due to variations in their proteolytic and lipolytic activities (19, 25); therefore, all cultures should be examined for yield potential before being commercially marketed.

TYPES OF BULK STARTER MEDIA

Conventional bulk media

Traditionally, lactic bulk starter media were prepared from skim milk or nonfat dry milk (51). These bulk media were prepared by heating skim milk to a high temperature (89 to 95°C) for 5 to 30 min in order to commercially sterilize it. The heated milk was
cooled to 21°C, inoculated with about 1% stock culture, and incubated for 12 to 16 h at 21 to 26°C (55). This bulk starter was added to pasteurized milk. The amount of starter added varied between 0.5 and 5%, depending on the type of cheese being manufactured and the time desired from starter addition to cutting the coagulum (1, 11).

Inhibitory substances are a major problem in the conventional bulk starter media (1, 6, 45). Agglutinins are immune proteins present in milk that inhibit culture performance (6). Agglutinins may cause bacterial cells to agglutinate, resulting in localized acid production and formation of sludge at the bottom of cottage cheese vats (12). Cultures are also inhibited by antibiotics and are subject to bacteriophage attack (6). These factors influence the bacterial performance in conventional bulk media and can cause “dead” vats.

In past years, conventional bulk starter was prepared using several subculturing steps, followed by a period of incubation. These steps were performed on a daily basis and skilled personnel were needed to transfer and propagate stock cultures (51). Manufacturers who still use conventional bulk starters today inoculate them with bulks from commercial culture houses. Therefore, the transfer of the mother culture is no longer necessary.

Cheese yield is also affected by the type of medium used for culture preparation (4, 5). Researchers have shown that bulk media cultures prepared from skim milk produce lower yields than the preconcentrated direct-set cultures (21, 35, 42). Salji and Kroger (42) reported that conventional bulk starters of skim milk lost much of their casein with the whey. Ogden (35) found that up to 70% of the casein in the medium was hydrolyzed during bulk starter preparation and lost in the whey. Banks and Muir (4) found that during the preparation of skim milk medium there was a chemical interaction between β-lactoglobulin and κ-casein in skim milk as a result of heat treatment. This interaction could inhibit the clotting action of rennet and cause yield loss, a problem that could be overcome by an acidification step (4, 5).

Acid injury is another problem with this medium. Studies have shown (10, 17) that when cheese starter cells grow in pH 5.0 or less, they become acid injured and therefore are unable to grow and produce rapidly when inoculated into milk. Wilkowske and Fouts (53) proposed a system for a continuous fermentation process in which the starter is grown in skim milk. The pH of the bulk starter controls the flow rate of the skim milk being added to the fermentation tank. The added skim milk buffers the bulk starter, maintains the pH above 5.2, and regulates the amount of bulk starter being removed from the fermentation tank. This system achieves the desired acidity level, thereby producing active starter cells. However, bacteriophage contamination and the development of undesirable mutants are major disadvantages of this system (53). Also, cell numbers in this system are lower than in other types of bulk starters.

**Phage-inhibitory media**

Since bacteriophages have been recognized as an important cause of conventional bulk starter failure (28, 29, 43), measures have been taken to prevent phage infection of bulk culture and to maintain an active starter culture (43). Phage-inhibitory medium (PIM) was introduced to overcome phage infection. This medium contained phosphate salts which chelate calcium ions (16, 55). Divalent cations (Ca²⁺) are necessary for bacteriophage proliferation (9, 22, 55). Calcium allows phage to attach to the cell wall and is necessary for phage infection (22, 44). Calcium also facilitates notably the injection of the phage DNA into the host (44, 55). Hargrove (15) observed that addition of phosphate to lactic starter medium bound the calcium so that phage proliferation in the lactic culture was inhibited. Hargrove et al. (16) reported that the best phosphate combination for phage inhibition was obtained when the medium contained 1.7% orthophosphate and 0.3% pyrophosphate salts. Kadis and Babel (26) confirmed that sodium and potassium orthophosphate would decrease phage proliferation in bulk starter medium. Moreover, phosphate salts buffer the medium, which allows for greater numbers of bacterial cells to grow, therefore producing starters that have greater activity (26).

Henning et al. (18) evaluated the first commercially prepared PIM manufactured in the United States. They indicated that the use of PIM provided protection for starter cultures against bacteriophage infection. Since then, several other companies have marketed similar media containing growth additives and phage-inhibitory salts. Gulstrom et al. (14) compared seven commercially available PIM for their ability to support bacterial growth and to prevent bacteriophage infection. They indicated that six of the seven PIMs tested were either ineffective in their ability to suppress phages or unable to support a reasonable growth of lactic cultures. They also concluded that the ability of a PIM to support bacterial growth and to suppress phage proliferation were two mutually exclusive properties.

Zottola and Marth (55) reported that all lactic strains were protected against bacteriophage when the phosphate salt concentration exceeded 1.6%. However, this inorganic phosphate had an inhibitory effect on some lactococcus cultures (31). Phosphate used to depress bacteriophage growth decreased cheese yield (14). Phosphate from bulk media increased milk protein solubility,
which increased the loss of protein in the whey (21). In addition, the cost of PIM accounted for approximately 70% of the total bulk starter culture costs (37).

**External pH control media**

In an effort to obtain a low-cost phage-inhibitory medium for propagation of lactic cultures, Richardson and his colleagues proposed the use of external pH control medium (ECM) (37, 38, 39). This bulk medium utilized a whey-based bacteriophage-inhibitory medium and pH control. It contained fresh sweet whey modified with 1.0% monoammonium phosphate, 1.9% disodium phosphate, and 0.32% yeast extract. The medium was heated at 89 to 95°C for 45 min. Inoculation followed with a suitable starter culture and incubation was carried out at 21°C. The culture tanks were equipped with pH electrodes that could withstand heat treatment to monitor acid development. Under this condition of pH control, media could be neutralized by injection of ammonium hydroxide to maintain a pH above 6.2 during starter growth (37). After about 16 h of pH-controlled growth, the starter was ready to use.

Increased starter activity and a reduced cost were the major advantages claimed for this type of bulk medium (37, 39). Inoculum level was reduced by 70 to 80% and the starter could be held without over-ripening acid development (38). ECM have a low phosphate level, thus enhancing milk clotting time, allowing for faster culture development and still providing protection against bacteriophage (2, 37). The pH-controlled whey-based system was used in the production of cottage (36), Italian- and Swiss-cheese cultures (7, 37, 38).

Hicks et al. (21) compared cheese yield from different media (skim milk, enriched ammoniated whey, citrate-based, and phosphate-based media). When skim milk was used as bulk culture medium, a lower cheese yield was obtained. On the other hand, a higher cheese yield was obtained with enriched ammoniated whey medium. Hicks et al. (21) also reported that an enriched ammoniated whey-based bulk culture was the most economical starter system of those tested.

**Internal pH control media**

Following the development of external pH control medium, internal pH control medium (ICM) was introduced. Two U.S. patents were issued for a bulk starter medium in which lactic acid produced by starter cultures was neutralized through solubilization of buffers in the medium (46, 47). The ICM system prevented acid damage to starter bacteria and allowed greater cell numbers to be reached (33). In this system the bacteria were more active and a lower inoculation level could be used than in standard PIM bulk starter. No extra equipment or chemicals were needed for the preparation of the bulk medium (54). Other advantages included a built-in pH control, greater cost effectiveness, reduced manufacturing time, ease of use, and improved holding characteristics (33, 34, 54). Also, this medium is designed to suit the specific requirements of both mesophilic and thermophilic starter cultures (27, 46, 47).

One problem associated with ICM is agglutination (20, 23, 24, 41, 43, 52). Agglutination of the starter culture is the interaction of the bacterial cell wall with agglutinins in milk, resulting in formation of long bacterial chains or clumps of chains (20, 23, 24). Agglutination severity of starter culture depends on the presence of specific antigenic sites on the bacterial cell surface and on the agglutinin (lectins) titer in milk (12, 24, 41). Agglutination of lactococci has been known to be one of the main technological problems associated with the manufacturing of acid-coagulated cheeses (12, 24, 41). Therefore, many methods and techniques have been employed in an effort to control this problem.

Stadhouders (48) indicated that homogenization of skim milk decreased the agglutination problem. According to Grandison et al. (13), homogenization of skim milk before the addition of starter culture reduced agglutination of bacterial cells, eliminated minor sludge formation, and increased cheese yield. Also they recommended that skim milk homogenization should be considered by commercial cottage-cheese manufacturing plants to help solve agglutination problems. Russell-Campell and Hicks (41) reported that homogenization of skim milk at 176 kg/cm² inhibited culture agglutination. This process was recommended as a practical method of controlling yield losses caused by agglutination. Hicks and Ibrahim (20) recommended homogenization of bulk culture as a practical method to prevent culture agglutination. When bulk starter culture was homogenized at 246 kg/cm² most of the cells in the culture were torn apart and agglutination was decreased. Homogenization of bulk starter allows for a more even pH development in skim milk. Homogenization of bulk culture could be practical for manufacturers who produce direct-set cultures. The homogenizer should be designed with steam-heated seals to insure sterility. However, this requires additional labor and additional cost in the preparation of starter culture. Previous research in our laboratory also has shown that addition of buttermilk solids (15%) to bulk media decreased the susceptibility of starter to agglutination (Figure 1) and reduced sludge formation.

Ustunol and Hicks (52) reported that culture agglutination was inhibited when starter cultures were grown in papain-treated whey medium. Microscopic examination showed that cultures grown in hydrolyzed whey medium formed diplococci or short chains. These chains were evenly distributed in the milk vats. It was proposed that hydrolyzed peptides produced in...
this medium may inhibit agglutination by binding onto the antigenic sites of the bacterial cell surface, thus preventing agglutinins from binding onto the same antigenic sites of bacterial cells. Agglutination-sensitive cultures formed long chains and had low protease activity, whereas agglutination-resistant cultures formed short chains and diplococci (24, 25). Increased chain length is believed to result from lowered proteolytic activity. This suggests that bacterial protease could be involved in the agglutination behavior of starter cultures and that the presence of active protease is required for cell growth and division; therefore, it could be an important element in prevention of culture agglutination (23, 24, 25). Ustunol and Hicks (52) showed that hydrolyzed peptides produced in papain-treated whey medium decreased agglutination. These peptides and low-molecular weight substances may serve as exogenous supplies of amino acids which stimulate the growth of lactic starter cultures. It is well documented that lactic starter cultures are nutritionally fastidious and require extra amino acids which are essential for their initial growth (30). The amount of amino acids and low molecular weight peptides present in milk (0.1 mg/ml) are usually below the minimum requirement for active growth and acid production (30). The presence of active cell wall proteinase is required for the maintenance of bacterial growth. When the cell wall proteinase is inhibited in the presence of agglutinins, the addition of exogenous supplies of amino acids could stimulate the growth of lactic acid bacteria and thus prevent long chain formation.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Many media are now available for the production of active starter cultures. Among these are internal pH control media, ICM. This type of medium has a greater cost effectiveness and reduces manufacturing time. Agglutination is a major problem associated with this type of medium. However, this problem can be overcome by homogenization of bulk starter media or by the addition of buttermilk solids. Further research and investigations are needed to study the biochemical characteristics of binding sites and mechanisms involved in preventing starter agglutination. New technology for improving ICM media is ongoing in our laboratory.
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"Food Allergies and Intolerances"
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Food Allergies and Intolerances is a soft-bound volume that is the proceedings of a symposium held in May, 1995 in Germany. The symposium was held under the auspices of the Senate Commission on Food Safety of the German government. The goal of the symposium was to assess the state of current knowledge and identify gaps in that body of research information.

Food Allergies and Intolerances is a relatively short book of only 231 pages. The book is divided into several sections. The first section is a series of executive summaries of the symposium presentations in German. The following sections in English are: (1) Clinical Aspects, Epidemiology, Validity of Data, (2) Molecular Basis of Allergenicity and Allergen Characterization, (3) The Input of Molecular Biology: Transgenic Foods, (4) Strategies for Safety Evaluation, and (5) Main Conclusions and Recommendations. The final three sections of the volume will undoubtedly hold the most interest to readers of Dairy, Food and Environmental Sanitation. The greatest value of this book will be to those in the biotechnology industry and those government regulators who are concerned with the establishment of policies regarding the commercialization of transgenic foods.

The first section of the English portion of the book provides an excellent, though brief, summary of the clinical aspects of food allergies. The chapters on the prevalence of food allergies emphasize the weaknesses in current estimates but provide little new information on the true prevalence of food allergies. This section also contains excellent chapters on the symptoms associated with food allergies and on the diagnosis of food allergies. The final chapter in this section on the significance of the route of exposure is a bit controversial. The chapter claims that allergic sensitization via the gastrointestinal tract is probably unusual in subjects older than 2 years of age. Certainly, I believe that allergies to foods such as shellfish are most likely to develop by gastrointestinal sensitization at ages of older than 2. While the author of this chapter emphasizes the potential importance of respiratory exposure in sensitization, I am not ready to dismiss the importance of gastrointestinal sensitization.

The next section of the book contains a series of chapters on the molecular basis of allergenicity and allergen characterization. These chapters will serve as excellent summaries of a rather complex field of study for scientists who are already fairly knowledgeable in this area. However, this shortened presentation does not even attempt to provide a scientific foundation for those who may not already understand the basics of food allergy. For some who specialize in the area of food allergies a table on page 132 provides an outstanding summary of allergens from plant sources and their stability to processing treatments. However, other than this table, the book does not provide a thorough review of the effects of food processing on allergens. The final chapter in this section is on allergens emanating from indoor and outdoor molds which seems inappropriate for this volume.
The next two sections of the book present some very interesting information on the evaluation of the allergenicity of transgenic foods. The potential allergenicity of transgenic foods is an area of some regulatory concern in Europe so this book will provide some useful insights. The first chapter is a description of the development of transgenic rice with reduced allergenic potential; this is the first description of the down-regulation of allergens in foods through biotechnology which has been accomplished by a group of Japanese investigators. The other chapter in this section deals with transgenic fish, but the examples cited seem unlikely to present any increased allergenic risk. The final section begins with an outstanding chapter on an approach to the evaluation of allergenicity of transgenic foods. This chapter offers many potentially useful approaches to the allergenicity assessment of transgenic foods and the novel proteins that they might contain. The final three chapters describe examples of the assessment of the allergenicity of transgenic foods. The first is a description of a transgenic soybean containing a protein from Brazil nut which turned out to be a major Brazil nut allergen; this was the first demonstration of the allergenicity of a transgenic food. The second of these chapters deals with industrial enzymes used in food processing; several enzymes used in food processing are important occupational allergens. The final chapter deals with the assessment of the allergenicity of the glyphosate-resistant soybean which is highly unlikely to present any new allergenic risk to consumers.

The final section contains the Main Conclusions and Recommendations of the symposium. This section offers recommendations for future research directions, industry opportunities, and regulatory options. *Food Allergy and Intolerance* is recommended reading for individuals in the biotechnology industry and those in regulatory affairs positions in the food industry. However, it does not contain sufficient introductory information to be recommended to those who do not already have a good understanding of food allergies and the issues regarding food allergies that are facing the food industry.

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Copesan Services is pleased to announce the addition of Jim Sargent, Ph.D. to its staff as Corporate Entomologist. As Corporate Entomologist for Copesan, Jim will actively participate in Copesan’s National Account Sales and Quality Assurance efforts with technical and training support.

Jim’s experience includes over 20 years of providing pest control technical assistance for the food industry. For the past 13 years Jim was with Great Lakes Chemical Corporation as Entomologist and Midwest Technical Coordinator and most recently as Technical Services Coordinator. Prior to this, he was an extension Entomologist at Ohio State University.

Jim has performed extensive consulting with several major food processors to develop pest management programs. Jim has also been actively involved in various associations, including the National Pest Control Association (NPCA) and the Entomological Society of America.

Cotruvo Joins NSF as Senior Regulatory Executive

NSF International announced Dr. Joseph A. Cotruvo has joined the organization as Senior Regulatory Executive. Dr. Cotruvo will be working from NSF’s Washington, D.C. office on assignment from the EPA under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

Under the IPA partnership agreement with the EPA, Dr. Cotruvo will, among other duties, assist NSF in the expansion of its consensus standards and certification programs. Consistent with the National Technology Transfer Act, EPA feels the expansion of consensus standards will reduce the need for federal standards and government oversight while ensuring improved health and environmental quality.

Dr. Cotruvo brings to NSF twenty-three years of experience in public health safety and environmental sciences in the regulatory community. Receiving his doctorate from Ohio State University in physical organic chemistry, and post doctorate in heterocyclic chemistry through the Italian National Research Council Fellowship, Bologna, Italy, Joe began his career in R&D with ChemSampCo in 1970. In 1973 he joined the staff at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Office of Planning and Evaluation, as Senior Analyst on Toxics, Pesticides, Clean Water and Drinking Water Acts.

Promoted to Director, Criteria and Standards Division, Office of Drinking Water in 1976, Dr. Cotruvo developed the first health effects guidance advisory service for States and public water systems to provide rapid assistance in the event of drinking water contamination incidents and was responsible for development and promulgation of National Drinking Water Quality Standards and Guidelines for chemicals, biologicals and radionuclides under the Safe Drinking Water Act. In 1990, Joe was appointed Director, Health and Environmental Review Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxins; and, in 1992, appointed Director, Chemical Screening and Risk Assessment Division.

DFISA Welcomes CFO

The Dairy & Food Industries Supply Association (DFISA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Daniel (Dan) J. Hilleary as Chief Financial Officer. Hilleary, who has 17 years of experience including Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer in both for-profit and not-for-profit environments, will report directly to John M. Martin, President.

His expertise ranges from budgeting, strategic planning, finance and accounting, cash management, risk management to information systems, administration, facilities management and staff development. His most recent position has been as the Director, Finance & Administration for the Business & Professional Women’s organization and for the BPW Foundation.

Hilleary, who resides in Warrenton, VA, with his wife and two children, has an MBA, Finance/Information Systems from George Mason University and a BSBA in Accounting from Georgetown University.

New Consumer Health Services Manager In Place

A public health officer who began his career 18 years ago in Natrona and Converse County has returned to Wyoming to manage the state’s consumer health program. Chuck Higgins began his duties as Manager of the Consumer Health Services Section for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) on Sept. 3.

During the summer of 1978, he served his internship with the Casper/Natrona County Health...
Debt. and then began his public health career as the Deputy Health Officer and County Sanitarian for the Converse County Health Department in August, 1978. Prior to his return to Wyoming, Higgins was the Training Officer for the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, Maryland, for six years.

In this position, he will manage the food safety program for Wyoming, including meat, dairy, restaurant, grocery store, and food processing inspections. He will also manage environmental health activities across the state, including inspections of facilities such as swimming pools, day care centers, and RV parks.

While working with FDA in Washington, D.C., Higgins was responsible for developing and teaching courses in food safety for state and local regulators. In that capacity, he worked closely with WDA Consumer Health Specialists on food safety issues and to generate training on the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) program that the WDA officials helped pioneer.

In addition to his federal experience, Higgins also has local government and private industry experience in the Denver area. Prior to his FDA duty, Higgins served nearly three years as the Public Health Investigator for the Denver Department of Health and Hospitals.

Higgins earned his Masters of Science and Bachelors of Science degrees in Environmental Health from Colorado State University in 1978 and 1994, respectively. He received his certification as Registered Environmental Health Specialist from the National Environmental Health Association in 1989. Chuck is also a member of the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians (IAMFES).

During his tour with the U.S. Public Health Service, he received its second highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal, as well as the Commendation medal, two Achievement medals and a Citation. He also received the Colorado Environmental Health Association Scholarship Award in 1990.

Quality Chekd Dairies, Inc. Names Dietrich to Lead International Expansion

Quality Chekd Dairies, Inc. has named Hans Peter Dietrich to lead the organization’s expansion into Europe, the first phase of its planned international expansion. The dairy and ice cream management consulting, licensing, and purchasing organization will offer European dairy and ice cream processors and manufacturers a mirror of the services provided to its 30 members in North America.

A Swiss citizen with global experience in the food industry, Dietrich will head the introduction and implementation of a Quality Chekd program in Europe. A European-based staff for the expansion will ensure that the new venture does not reduce the level of service North American members currently enjoy. His first targets for new business opportunities will include the coordination of technology, information sharing, and marketing, as well as advice on raw and packaging supply, management training, and quality assurance.

Dietrich is a food technologist and international consultant with 32 years of experience in the industry. He has served in management, business development, and food technology positions around the world with Nestlé International, Inc., Mövenpick Gastronomy Corporation, and Hiestand Swiss Gourmet Bakery Co.

Educational Foundation Appoints Michael Zema, FMP, CCE Academic Ambassador

Striving to provide the hospitality industry with the highest quality of service, The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association recently appointed Michael Zema, FMP, CCE, as Academic Ambassador.

Zema will work with academic instructors at two- and four-year colleges and universities in the central region of the United States to establish and conduct educational programs. He will also represent The Educational Foundation at regional and national industry events, including the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (CHRIE) conference and the American Culinary Federation conference. He will also serve on The Foundation’s curriculum development advisory committee, which provides insight on development of programs for two-and four-year curriculum, continuing education and international use.

Zema, who also has many years of industry experience, will continue to serve as professor and program coordinator of hospitality management and culinary arts at Elgin Community College in Elgin, IL. Since joining Elgin Community College in 1983, he has taught courses in culinary arts, food facility design, quantity purchasing and menu management. He has also overseen curriculum development including the implementation of The Educational Foundation’s Professional Management Development Program (ProMgmt.), a complete foodservice management curriculum for hospitality programs at colleges and universities. Zema also is responsible for enrollment, analysis of new markets and trends, and job placement.
John Marcello, R.S., Receives National Environmental Health Association’s 1996 Food Industry Sanitarian Award

John Marcello, R.S., manager of Technical Education for The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association, was recently awarded the 1996 Food Industry Sanitarian Award from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA).

The Food Industry Sanitarian Award is presented each year by the Food Section and Industry affiliate to a NEHA member in the foodservice industry, in recognition of his or her outstanding contributions to the field of food safety and sanitation. “This award is a testament to John Marcello’s dedication and contribution to the critical issue of food safety, broadening the dialogue among all food safety professionals,” said Daniel A. Gescheidle, FMP, president of The Educational Foundation. “Through the course of his career he has become nationally respected for his tireless efforts to establish cooperative initiatives among all food safety professionals, and he exemplifies the qualities needed to advance the industry’s level of food safety into the future.”

Prior to joining The Educational Foundation in 1992, Marcello was with the DuPage County Health Department in Illinois where he advanced through several positions while earning his Registered Sanitarian credential. While at DuPage, Marcello implemented the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) food safety system, communication skills for sanitarians, and general staff development into the department’s training protocol.

In his current position, Marcello oversees the technical review and regulatory relations for The Foundation’s SERVSAFE* Serving Safe Food safety system, helping to establish The Educational Foundation as a leader in food safety training and education; Bar Code*: Serving Alcohol Responsibly program; Aware*: Employee and Customer Safety training; and the Foodservice Security program. Marcello is also part of the management team that administers the Industry Council on Food Safety, a foodservice industry coalition committed to education about safe food preparation and handling.

Marcello also initiated industry/regulatory HACCP workshops, developed and delivered jointly with the FDA’s State Training Branch, and established food safety training cooperatives with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Cooperative Extension Service. Marcello has also served on several committees of the Conference for Food Protection and is an active member of the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians (IAMFES).

VICAM Names Dr. Gerald Wogan as Chief Technology Officer

VICAM LP has named Dr. Gerald N. Wogan as Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

In assuming this newly created position of Chief Technology Officer, Dr. Wogan will be responsible for Research and Product Development functions within VICAM and advise the President and CEO, Jack L. Radlo on matters regarding science and emerging technology. His primary role will be to provide VICAM with a coordinated scientific and technological direction as VICAM prepares to enter the next millennium. Dr. Wogan will manage an established Research & Development team spearheaded by Dr. Barb Jackson, who will continue to be Director of R & D.

Dr. Wogan has forty years of experience as a professor of applied biological science, environmental health, and food toxicology. He joins VICAM while still maintaining his appointments as Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Toxicology at M.I.T, where he has taught for over thirty-five years. In addition, Dr. Wogan has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences of the U.S. and the Institute of Medicine. He has served as an adviser to the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Toxicological Research, the American Cancer Society, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In his career, Dr. Wogan has served on over 10 editorial boards and has over 350 publications to his credit.

G&H Products Corp. Names Process Systems Specialist

G&H Products Corp. announces that Roger Ashton has accepted the position of Process Systems Specialist responsible for application of all engineered products in process system designs. He will also provide complete technical sales assistance to G&H’s District Sales Managers and Distributors on all key projects.

Roger has over 28 years of experience in the sanitary process industry, including design and application of in-place cleaning units. He has held a variety of engineering-related positions at G&H, and most recently was Mixproof Valve Application Manager.
IAMFES to Co-Sponsor
Crumbine Award

Beginning in January, the International Association of Milk, Food & Environmental Sanitarians will join with the Conference for Food Protection and several other co-sponsors in sponsoring the Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award. The Crumbine Award is given annually to a local U.S. government health unit in recognition of the excellence of its food protection program.

The Conference for Food Protection accepted responsibility for the award when the Foodservice and Packaging Institute, Inc. announced earlier this year that, as part of an association restructuring, it would end its 41-year sponsorship of the award. IAMFES was one of the first organizations to signal its willingness to join with the Conference in assuring the award's continuation. Funds will be contributed by the IAMFES Foundation Fund for 1997.

IAMFES has had a long association with the Crumbine Award. For more than 20 years, the IAMFES President has served on the Crumbine Award jury and a presentation of the award has been made at the IAMFES Annual Meeting.

The other co-sponsors who have pledged to contribute to the award are:

- The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO);
- The Foodservice and Packaging Institute, Inc. (FPI);
- The Industry Council on Food Safety (Educational Foundation of the NRA);
- The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO);
- The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA); NSF International; Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., and Underwriter's Laboratories Inc.

The award will continue to be presented at three major public health meetings. In addition to the engraved medallions presented to the immediate supervisors of the winning unit at the IAMFES annual meeting, a medallion is also presented to the unit's director of health at the annual NACCHO meeting, and a plaque at the NEHA Annual Educational Conference. The award will continue to be administered by FPI, which initiated the award in 1954 to honor the memory of Dr. Crumbine, a renowned pioneer of public health practice in the early years of this century.

With the addition of the new sponsors, the Crumbine Award Jury has been asked to take up several considerations concerning the conduct of the award, including whether to enlarge the scope of the award to include international entries (of particular interest to IAMFES), and whether to add an AFDO juror and an industry juror to the present panel of seven. Traditionally, the jury has been composed of four regular jurors who, to assure continuity, serve three year terms on a staggered basis, and three association jurors, representing IAMFES, NEHA and NACCHO, who serve one year terms. The jury will decide these issues when it meets next May to judge the 1997 award.

The criteria for the 1997 award are presented in the preceding 3-5 years, as evidenced by continual improvements in the basic components of a comprehensive program; innovative and effective use of program methods and problem solving to reduce the community's risk from foodborne disease; demonstrated improvements in planning, managing and evaluating a comprehensive program; successful involvement of people (department managers, staff, industry, the public) in reaching the goals of the food protection program.

To obtain a copy of the detailed award criteria, contact: Crumbine Award, Foodservice & Packaging Institute, Inc., 1901 North Moore Street, Arlington, VA, 22209. Tel. 703-527-7505; Fax: 703-527-7512; e-mail: foodserv@crosslink.net.

Düsseldorf Symposium Emphasizes Role of Codex Dairy Food Standards

An International Symposium entitled, Influence of Codex Standards on International Trade in Dairy Products was held September 6-7, 1996 in Düsseldorf, Germany. The Symposium was co-sponsored by the International Dairy Federation (IDF) and the German National Committee of IDF.

The participants of the Symposium included attendees from more than 20 countries. Speakers included representatives of the International Dairy Federation, the World Trade Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization, along with dairy industry representatives.

G. A. Henderson, Director, Scientific Relations, Kraft Foods, Inc., U.S.A., delivered one of the keynote speeches and called on participants to recognize that the review and change in status of international health and safety standards could affect virtually every dairy product produced and sold.
Overall, the symposium showed how Codex links to the World Trade Organization (WTO), how Codex works, and its interface with the dairy industry. The symposium dealt with the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products, naturally enough, and with the other Codex committees that have an impact on milk products—labelling, food additives and contaminants, hygiene, pesticide residues, residues of veterinary drugs, import and export certification.

A similar IDF Symposium will be held in the United States in November, 1997 in Chicago, Illinois in conjunction with the World Wide Food Expo. More details concerning the Symposium can be obtained by contacting the International Dairy Federation offices, Tel: +32 2 733 16 90, Fax: +32 2 733 04 13, E-mail: fil-idf@mail.interpac.be.

To obtain a copy of the Final Programme and presentations from the Symposium, please contact the International Dairy Federation at any of the numbers noted above.

**Caution Urged in Using Warbex**

Warbex® is the tradename for the liquid form of the chemical famphur, regulated by FDA as an animal drug, which is designed to be applied topically to treat insect infestations.

The product is approved by the FDA for use on beef cattle, dry cows, and replacement heifers to treat grubs and reduce lice infestation.

There have been reports of death of wild birds due to the deliberate misuse of Warbex®, and even in some cases when the product is used properly. Warbex® is being misused by soaking grain and other items in the liquid famphur. The contaminated grain or other products are then used as bait or as a delivery vehicle to poison birds, rodents, or predators. This practice introduces famphur into the wildlife food chain. Endangered species, as well as other predatory and scavenging birds, including eagles, hawks, owls, and buzzards, etc., have died as a result of eating these poisoned birds. An undetermined number of bald eagles and red-tailed hawks in Washington State have died after eating starlings that had been intentionally poisoned. Some of this illegal use may be occurring on dairy farms in other states. Birds have also died when Warbex® has been applied to the backs of cattle according to label directions. Some bird species perch on cattle backs and others pull cattle hair, and these birds may receive fatal exposures to famphur.

CVM views the misuse of this product as an unapproved use in violation of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and implementing regulations. There are discussions underway between the various federal and state agencies involved to decide how best to sanction or control individuals who use the product in this illegal manner. The State of Washington Department of Agriculture has taken the unusual step of requiring registration of the animal drug as a pesticide under state law. A pesticide dealer license is now required for any outlet which distributes Warbex® in Washington.

CVM is working with Mallinckrodt Veterinary, Inc. and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to educate the public about potential hazards to wildlife associated with Warbex® Pour-On 13.2%. Mallinckrodt is planning a public education campaign to try and discourage misuse of Warbex®. Their educational materials will also address the potential environmental problems from use of Warbex® according to the label and how to prevent them. Mallinckrodt will advise product users to promptly dispose of any poisoned birds in a manner that ensures that the carcasses are not available to other predatory and scavenging birds.

**Manufacturer of the Year**

Fristams Pumps, Inc. was named Manufacturer of the Year for the 1996 annual Food Industry Suppliers Association (FISA) Conference in Vail, CO. This award is given when members of FISA feel a manufacturer-supplier has made an outstanding contribution to its distributors. That contribution is measured by commitment to distributors, quality of support, competitiveness, and innovation.

Fristams Pumps, Middleton, WI, manufactures sanitary centrifugal and positive displacement pumps for the food, dairy, beverage, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology industries.

**Southeast Food Safety Partnership Formed**

A consortium of professors and commercial interests has formed a partnership called the Food Safety Institute (FSI) headquartered in New Orleans, LA. Partners include Central Analytical Laboratories, The Russell Marine Group, TechniCAL, Supply-Tech, and Drs. Douglas L. Marshall and Kenneth M. McMillin. FSI provides comprehensive food quality and safety educational programs, training, and support. Programs, consulting, and services are available for GMPs, SOPs, HACCP, regulatory compliance, cleaning & sanitation, certified and accredited product sampling and testing, and thermal process validation. The address for the new company is 250 Plauche Street, New Orleans, LA 70123; phone 504-733-0317; fax 504-733-0345; and e-mail fsi@tcal.com.
Announcement of the 1997 Davis Calvin Wagner Sanitarian Award

The 1997 Davis Calvin Wagner Award is to be presented at the Academy Luncheon during the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association. It consists of a plaque and a $500.00 honorarium. The Award is open to all Diplomats of the Academy. Criteria for nomination is as follows:

- Exhibits resourcefulness and dedication in promoting the improvement of the public’s health through application of environmental health and public health practices.
- Demonstrates professional, administrative, and technical skill and competence in applying such skills to raise the level of environmental health.
- Continues to improve oneself through involvement in continuing education type programs to keep abreast of new developments in environmental health and public health.
- Is of such excellence to merit Academy recognition.

The nominations for the Award may be made by a colleague or a supervisor and must include the following:

- Name, title, grade, and current place of employment of nominee.
- A description of nominee’s educational background and professional work experience.
- A narrative statement of how the person meets the criteria for the Award including a description of specific accomplishments and contributions on which nomination is based.
- Three endorsements (an immediate supervisor and two other members of the professional staff or other persons as appropriate).

The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 15, 1997. Three (3) copies of the nomination must be submitted and should be sent to: John G. Todd, Dr., P.H., Chairman, AAS Davis Calvin Wagner Award, 17309 Fletchall Drive, Poolesville, MD 20837.

New Video Explores the Mysterious Case of Groundwater

A concern about the quality and availability of groundwater, affecting increasing numbers of citizens, a new video is available to help people understand how to protect this natural resource.

"Groundwater fuels life yet mystery shrouds our understanding of this subterranean water supply," says Kelli Martin, senior research technologist in Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences. "With contamination on the rise, we need to debunk myths about groundwater and learn how to protect it."

What are these myths? Where does groundwater come from? How is it being contaminated? You can unravel the mystery by watching The Case of the Mysterious Groundwater, a 16-minute educational video developed by Penn State’s Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering.

"The video uses animated graphics and creative video techniques to communicate a variety of technical concepts," says Martin, who wrote the video script. "It covers sources of groundwater contamination, the hydrologic cycle, groundwater movement, how aquifers store groundwater, and basic well construction principles."

The first in a series on groundwater protection, the video is aimed at water supply officials, public educators, extension audiences, groundwater protection committees, school children and older students, and municipal planning officials.

Three more groundwater protection videos are set for release in 1997. Groundwater Protection: Blazing a Healthy Trail uses an old West motif to explain Pennsylvania aquifers. "This 22-minute video also relates land uses to contamination and describes how to start a community-based groundwater protection group," Martin says.

Groundwater Protection Action Groups: A Roadtrip to Success takes a roadtrip with the fictional Riley family as they learn four ways to make a groundwater protection action group successful.

The final video in the series, Private Well Construction in Pennsylvania: Setting the Standard, explores why proper well construction standards are essential to safeguarding private water supplies.

The video series is funded by Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences and the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Production services were provided by Shelow-Porterfield Productions.

Copies of The Case of the Mysterious Groundwater are available now for $14.95.

For an order form or more information about groundwater, contact The Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University, 246 Agricultural Engineering Building, University Park, PA 16801; phone (814) 865-7685; FAX (814) 863-1031. People with Internet access can visit the department’s site on the World Wide Web: http://server.age.psu.edu/.
California Affiliate Recognizes a Member

The California Association of Dairy and Milk Sanitarians (CADMS) Sanitarian of the Year Award was established years ago to recognize outstanding people who have distinguished themselves in their field and have contributed significantly and with distinction to the profession of the sanitarian.

At the 1996 Annual Meeting of CADMS, September 25 and 26 in Ontario, CA, the association recognized Howard Eastham as the Sanitarian of the Year. Howard was a 1959 graduate of California Polytechnical State University, San Luis Obispo, CA where immediately after graduation he served on the faculty teaching the dairy products judging team.

He then went into dairy sales and in 1961 joined the California Department of Agriculture where he remained until his retirement last year. With the Bureau of Milk and Dairy Foods he advanced through various assignments including dairy inspector, district dairy inspector, radiological survey officer — remember the time when we were all concerned about the radioactivity in our milk? — to dairy foods specialist and lastly as milkfat testing coordinator.

In all the roles he held with the branch his dedication to the industry, the people of the industry and the consumer were strongly evident.

Over 25 years our recipient assisted with the University of California-Davis Western Food Industry Conference and, in particular, with the ice cream and milk judging program sponsored by California Dairy Industries Association. He was also a frequent dairy products judge at the Los Angeles County Fair, always willing to lend his taste buds.

He is a long-time member of several industry associations, including California Dairy Industries Association, and the California Association of Dairy and Milk Sanitarians. For CADMS he served as secretary, vice president and president.

CADMS Annual Meeting

One of the invited speakers at the affiliate’s annual meeting was IAMFES President Michael Brodsky who spoke on the bacteriological sanitary indices during the main meeting and on “What’s Behind the Acronym, IAMFES” at the recognition dinner. The California affiliate appreciates the support of IAMFES in having President Brodsky at their annual meeting.

The affiliate elected their 1997 officers; president is Les Wood, California Dept. of Food and Agriculture; vice president Ed Wensel, Ecolab; 2nd vice president Gary Timmons, California Dept. of Food and Agriculture; and recording secretary Anne Quilter Goldstein, California Dept. of Food and Agriculture. John C. Bruhn, University of California-Davis was appointed executive secretary and affiliate delegate to IAMFES.

Iowa Assn. of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians’ Annual Meeting

The 55th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians was held on October 9, 1996 in Waterloo, IA. The meeting included educational sessions, lab sessions, an affiliate business meeting, and an evening banquet.

Eugene Peters was named the recipient of the M. P. Baker Award and new officers were selected: president, Herb Belz; president elect, Norieta Kramer; 1st vice president, Jon Knight; 2nd vice president, Randy Stephenson; and secretary, Monica Striecher.

Wyoming Environmental Health Association Announces Awards

The Wyoming Environmental Health Association is pleased to announce Shirley Etzell as the recipient of the 1996 Outstanding Sanitarian Award. Shirley is Lead Consumer Health Services Specialist. Howard Hutchings was the recipient of the 1996 Arthur Williamson Award. Howard has now retired as an inspector with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture in Cheyenne.
LIGHTNIN Quik-Connect™ Modular Mixers Twist On for Easy Portable Mixing

LIGHTNIN Quik-Connect™ Modular Mixers simply twist on to intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) for easy, secure mixing during manufacturing, prior to shipment, at customer locations, and at intervals during storage.

Quik-Connect Mixers comply with 1996 U.S. Department of Transportation regulations. New, exclusive fluorocarbon polymer dry-running lip seal reduces fugitive emissions and product contamination. And unlike stuffing box packing, it can be cleaned and reused. Tools are included.

Static EPDM O-rings prevent emissions in the lockdown position. New fluorocarbon polymer bushing is included to reduce shaft runout at seal and to increase shaft stability in the lockdown position.

Quick-release locking pin secures mixer shaft to flange assembly during transport.

The high-torque mixers are available in 1/3, 1 and 3 hp air-driven models and speeds up to 3 1/2 hp in electrical models.

LIGHTNIN, Rochester, NY

New, Slim Design Miniature Groundwater/Liquid Level Transmitter

SENSOTEC is pleased to introduce the new Model GWM Liquid Level pressure transmitter featuring a slim .688-inch diameter design which makes it ideal for down-hole applications. Additionally, the GWM is suitable for an array of ground water, waste water, reservoir, undersea, and top accessible tank level applications.

The GWM delivers 0.1% accuracy (BFSL) over gage pressure ranges from 15 to 1000 psi (7 to 70 bar) and the 4-20mA (two wire) output provides a high signal-to-noise ratio necessary for long cable runs. In addition, the 5000 ohm bridge resistance requires low power draw, thus prolonging battery life when used in remote locations. The removable nosecone permits onsite recalibration using a portable pressure calibrator.

The GWM is fitted with a vented, polyurethane jacketed cable terminating in a "T-Chamber" which accepts replaceable desiccant modules to absorb moisture and protect the electronics. A stretch-resistant stringer in the cable has a 220 lb pull strength and resists breakage caused by the weight of the cable on itself during deep-well applications, insuring retrieval of the unit. The GWM is fully welded and manufactured with 316 stainless steel and Hastelloy-C wetted parts for all-media compatibility. A sacrificial zinc nosecone protects the unit from the effects of galvanic corrosion when used in the presence of electrolytes. A filter is also available for pore water pressure monitoring applications.

SENSOTEC Inc., Columbus, OH

Remove Contaminants from Steam in Food Processing

Balston® Steam Filters that permit direct steam contact with food are now available from Whatman, Inc.

Balston Steam Filters remove 98+% of 0.1 micron particles and 100% of all visible particles from steam. Liquid condensate is removed at the same efficiency as for solid particles. Models are available to handle flow rates of up to 3,000 lbs/hr.

Other benefits of Balston Steam Filters include: Reduction in steam condensate mixing with the food products when steam is used for agitating, mixing or cooking; significant reduction in carryover of boiler feedwater chemicals into the food product, causing taste and odor problems; greatly reduced maintenance requirements for...
valves, cookers, heat exchangers, and other equipment.

Balston Steam Filters are in full compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. They meet the regulations for Indirect Food Additives used as Basic Components for Repeated Use Food Contact Surfaces as specified in 21 CFR Part 177, and Current Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 CFR Part 110. Balston Steam Filters have also been accepted by the USDA for use in federally inspected meat and poultry plants. They are also in full compliance with the 3-A Accepted Practices (Number 609-00) for producing steam or culinary quality, and they are in full compliance with the requirements of the Health Protection Branch of Health and Welfare Canada.

Whatman Inc., Haverhill, MA

**New Purifier® Class I Safety Enclosure Offers Personnel and Environmental Protection from Particulate Contaminants**

Labconco Corporation, has introduced the Purifier® Class I Safety Enclosure, designed for applications requiring personnel and environmental protection from particulate contaminants but which require no product protection. Suitable applications include weighing chemical powders, plant pathology work and procedures that generate fine dusts.

The internal blower draws air in, around the technician, through the work area, and then into a 99.99% efficient HEPA filter. The HEPA-filtered exhaust air can be recirculated back into the room, or the cabinet can be connected to an exhaust system and ducted to the outside. All contaminated areas are under negative pressure so that if a leak should occur, contaminated air is forced through the HEPA filter, not immediately into the room. The two-light filter condition indicator displays differential pressure across the HEPA filter. A green light indicates normal filter condition; an amber light indicates that service is required.

The front sash and side panels are made of scratch-resistant 1/4" thick laminated safety glass. The angled sash tilts up for easy cleaning and loading of the cabinet. A front air foil directs air into the work area providing maximum containment. Fluorescent lighting illuminates the work area. An optional ultraviolet lamp may be used in conjunction with biological applications to maintain surface decontamination while the enclosure is not in use.

The Purifier Class I Safety Enclosure is available in 2- and 3-foot widths and mounts atop an existing bench. Accessories include a work surface and remote exhaust blower.

Labconco Corporation, Kansas City, MO

**Hannay Spring Rewind Reel Designed to Carry More Hose, Give More Service**

For years, the N700 has been a favorite hose reel in the plant. With its narrow, sturdy frame, the reel can be mounted almost anywhere and is used for air tool operation or handling gases, liquids, chemicals and water.

Now, the N700 has design improvements that meet even more customer requirements and increase its range of applications. These new design features increase the N700's service and efficiency and safety features.

Drew Industrial Division of Ashland Chemical Company Announces ONGUARD® FR Series Control System

Ashland Chemical Company's Drew Industrial Division has announced the availability of the ONGUARD FR series control system. The control system is the
result of a strategic supplier alliance between the Drew Industrial Division and the Fisher-Rosemount Service and Support Division. The agreement extends Drew Industrial’s ability to supply its customers with quality instrumentation and control systems manufactured and serviced worldwide by Fisher-Rosemount.

The ONGUARD FR series controller system offers improved process control in water treatment applications because of its modularity in hardware, firmware, and software design as well as its ability to connect to many types of communicating devices. The ONGUARD FR series controllers also have the capability of efficiently implementing simple or complex measurement and control strategies. In addition, the system is monitored via telephone where operating data is automatically archived and system upsets and alarms communicated.

Two-Hour Laboratory Test for *E. coli* Toxins Now Available

Premier EHEC is a microwell EIA for the detection of the toxins produced by Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* in culture systems. This product detects all EHEC serotypes, unlike currently available methods which are limited to *E. coli* O157:H7 detection. The 96-determination breakaway well format provides flexibility to laboratories of all sizes. The product has a simple, easy to use procedure and contains color-coded ready to use reagents. The assay takes just over two hours to perform and results can be read visually or spectrophotometrically with a standard microplate reader.

Current methods for detecting toxins take 24-48 hours to return results. *E. coli* O157:H7 is the most common serotype in the United States. However, this is just one of over 50 *E. coli* strains including O111 which produce toxins and lead to potentially severe complications especially in children. Current methods, such as Sorbitol-MacConkey agar and latex agglutination, are limited to the detection of the O157:H7 strain and cannot determine toxin production. Premier EHEC detects all toxin-producing EHEC strains.

Meridian Diagnostics, Inc., Cincinnati, OH

Inexpensive Temperature Logger with Rigid External Probe and Field Data Shuttle

Oncoset Computer Corporation introduces a rugged, weatherproof logger with a six inch stainless steel probe for pinpoint temperature recording. Offload stored data by connecting the logger to a PC or Mac; or use the unique pocket-sized Optic Shuttle to read out and relaunch up to sixteen loggers in the field.

The miniature StowAway™ Tidbit™ XT logger measures temperature from -20°C to +70°C (-4°F to +158°F) and comes with a seven year factory-replaceable battery. The logger records up to 7,944 measurements on nonvolatile EEPROM memory and is reusable. The temperature sensor is located at the tip of a six inch stainless steel probe on a durable six foot waterproof cable. Use point-and-click LogBook4 software for Windows or Mac to start the loggers, read out collected data, and view a time-stamped temperature graph. Data is easily transferred to popular spreadsheet programs.
The revolutionary Optic Shuttle™ is an inexpensive handheld data transporter which is used to read out and restart up to sixteen StowAway™ Tidbit™ XT temperature loggers on location. The Optic Shuttle™ is weatherproof, allowing data transfer in the roughest conditions. Temperature data is stored in 128K of memory and is easily transferred to a PC or Mac for analysis using LogBook™ software.

The StowAway Tidbit™ XT temperature logger and the Optic Shuttle™ are U.S. $199.00 each. The Starter Kit includes LogBook™ software, interface cable, Tidbit™ Coupler and an Optic Base Station™ for connecting to a PC or Mac for U.S. $129.00.

Onset Computer Corporation, Pocasset, MA

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WHAT IS
3-A SYMBOL COUNCIL?

by Earl O. Wright

Members of the 3-A Symbol Council do not participate in preparing 3-A Sanitary Standards or 3-A Accepted Practices. Their function is to authorize and administer the use of the registered 3-A Symbol.

The 3-A Symbol Council consists of an 8-member Board of Trustees having the following representation:
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The objectives and purposes of the Council, through voluntary action are as follows:
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- Minimize confusion and conflict in the field of Standards relating to sanitary performance of dairy equipment.
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Rescinding Amendments to 3-A Sanitary Standards for Instrument Sensors and Sensor Fittings and Connections Used on Milk and Milk Products, Number 09-09

Formulated By
International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians
United States Public Health Service
The Dairy Industry Committee

In accordance with the action of the 3-A Sanitary Standards Committees as recorded in the minutes for May 24, 1996, the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Instrument Sensors and Sensor Fittings and Connections Used on Milk and Milk Products, Number 09-09, dated August 20, 1994 are hereby rescinded. Subsequent to the effective date, the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Instrument Sensors and Sensor Fittings and Connections Used on Milk and Milk Products, Number 09-09, dated August 20, 1994 will become null and void.

This amendment to 3-A Sanitary Standards for Instrument Sensors and Sensor Fittings and Connections Used on Milk and Milk Products, Number 09-09 is effective November 24, 1996.

Rescinding Amendments to 3-A Sanitary Standards for Liquid Pressure and Level Sensing Devices, Number 37-01

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In accordance with the action of the 3-A Sanitary Standards Committees as recorded in the minutes for May 24, 1996, the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Liquid Pressure and Level Sensing Devices, Number 37-01, dated August 20, 1994 are hereby rescinded. Subsequent to the effective date, the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Liquid Pressure and Level Sensing Devices, Number 37-01, dated August 20, 1994 will become null and void.

This amendment to 3-A Sanitary Standards for Liquid Pressure and Level Sensing Devices, Number 37-01 is effective November 24, 1996.
3-A Sanitary Standards for Ball-Type Valves for Milk and Milk Products, Number 68-00

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It is the purpose of the IAMFES, USPHS, and DIC in connection with the development of the 3-A Sanitary Standards Program to allow and encourage full freedom for inventive genius or new developments. Ball-type valve specifications heretofore or hereafter developed which so differ in design, materials, and fabrication or otherwise as not to conform to the following standards but which, in the fabricator's opinion, are equivalent or better, may be submitted for the joint consideration of the IAMFES, USPHS, and DIC at any time. NOTE: Use current revisions or editions of all referenced documents cited herein.

A SCOPE
A1 These standards cover the sanitary aspects of ball-type valves used on processing equipment and on equipment and lines which hold or convey milk or milk products.
A2 In order to conform with these 3-A Sanitary Standards, ball-type valves shall comply with the following design, material, and fabrication criteria.

B DEFINITIONS
B1 Products: Shall mean milk and milk products.
B2 Equipment Components
B2.1 Ball-type Valves: Shall mean valves which use a ball with a single or multiple passages to direct or stop flow. The ball is coupled to a shaft to turn the ball.
B2.2 Body Cavity Fillers (Encapsulating Seals): Shall mean seals which fill the voids between the ball and body.
B3 Surfaces
B3.1 Product Contact Surfaces: Shall mean all surfaces which are exposed to the product and surfaces from which liquids may drain, drop, diffuse, or be drawn into the product.
B3.2 Nonproduct Contact Surfaces: Shall mean all other exposed surfaces.

B4 Cleaning
B4.1 Manual (COP) Cleaning: Shall mean soil removal when the equipment is partially or totally disassembled. Soil removal is effected with chemical solutions and water rinses with the assistance of one or a combination of brushes, nonmetallic scouring pads and scrapers, high or low pressure hoses and tank(s) which may be fitted with recirculating pump(s), and with all cleaning aids manipulated by hand.
B5 Close Coupled: Shall mean mating surfaces or other juxtaposed surfaces that are less than twice the nominal diameter or cross section of the mating surfaces or a maximum of 5 in. (127 mm).
B6 Readily or Easily Removable: Shall mean quickly separated from the equipment with the use of simple hand tools if necessary.
B7 Simple Hand Tools: Shall mean implements normally used by operating and cleaning personnel such as a screwdriver, wrench, or hammer.

C MATERIALS
C1 Metals
C1.1 Product contact surfaces shall be of stainless steel of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) 300 Series' or corresponding Alloy Cast...
Institute (ACI) types\(^2\) (See Appendix, Section G), or metal which under conditions of intended use is at least as corrosion resistant as stainless steel of the foregoing types, and is nontoxic and nonabsorbent.

C2 Nonmetals

C2.1 Rubber and rubber-like materials may be used for gaskets, O-rings, seals, body cavity fillers, and parts having the same functional purposes.

C2.1.1 Rubber and rubber-like materials, when used for the above specified application(s), shall conform with the applicable provisions of the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Multiple-Use Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials Used as Product Contact Surfaces in Dairy Equipment, Number 18.

C2.2 Plastic materials may be used for gaskets, body cavity fillers, seals, O-rings, and parts having the same functional purposes.

C2.2.1 Plastic materials when used for the above specified application(s) shall conform with the applicable provisions of the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Multiple-Use Plastic Materials Used as Product Contact Surfaces for Dairy Equipment, Number 20.

C2.3 Rubber and rubber-like materials and plastic materials having product contact surfaces shall be of such composition as to retain their surface and conformational characteristics when exposed to the conditions encountered in the environment of intended use and in cleaning and bactericidal treatment or sterilization.

C3 Sterilization

C3.1 In a processing system to be sterilized by heat and operated at a temperature of 250°F (121°C) or higher, all materials having product contact surface(s) used in the construction of ball valves and nonmetallic component parts shall be such that they can be (1) sterilized by saturated steam or water under pressure (at least 15.3 psig or 106 kPa) at a temperature of at least 250°F (121°C) and (2) operated at the temperature required for processing.

D FABRICATION

D1 Surface Texture

D1.1 All product contact surfaces shall have a finish at least as smooth as a No. 4 ground finish on stainless steel sheets and be free of imperfections such as pits, folds, and crevices in the final fabricated form. (See Appendix, Section F.)

D2 Permanent Joints

D2.1 All permanent joints in metallic product contact surfaces shall be continuously welded. Welded areas on product contact surfaces shall be at least as smooth as a No. 4 ground finish on stainless steel sheets, and be free of imperfections such as pits, folds, and crevices.

D3 Cleaning and Inspectibility

D3.1 Product contact surfaces shall be easily accessible for inspection and manual cleaning only. Removable parts shall be readily demountable.

D4 Draining

D4.1 All product contact surfaces of the valve shall be self-draining, except for normal clingage, when the valve is properly installed and the valve ball is properly positioned.

D4.2 There shall be no voids between the ball and the valve body.

D5 Fittings

D5.1 All sanitary fittings and connections shall conform with the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Sanitary Fittings for Milk and Milk Products, Number 63.

D6 Gaskets

D6.1 Gaskets having a product contact surface shall be removable.

D6.2 Grooves in gaskets shall be no deeper than their width.

D6.3 Gasket retaining grooves in product contact surfaces for removable gaskets shall not exceed 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) in depth or be less than 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) wide except those for standard O-rings smaller than 1/4 in. (6.35 mm), and those provided for in Section D5.1.

D7 Radii

D7.1 All internal angles of less than 135° on product contact surfaces shall have radii of not less than 1/8 in. (3.18 mm) except that:

D7.1.1 The radii in grooves in gaskets or gasket retaining grooves, except for those provided for in Section D5, and those for standard 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) and smaller O-rings, shall be not less than 1/16 in. (1.59 mm).
D7.1.2 The radii in grooves for standard 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) O-rings shall not be less than 3/32 in. (2.38 mm) and for standard 1/8 in. (3.18 mm) O-rings shall be not less than 1/32 in. (0.794 mm).

D8 Threads
D8.1 There shall be no threads in contact with the product.

D9 Outlet Valves
D9.1 Outlet valves shall be close coupled to minimize the distance between the mounting face and shutoff point.

D10 Sterilization
D10.1 Ball-type valves used in a processing system to be sterilized by heat and operated at a temperature of 250°F (121°C) or higher shall comply with the following additional criteria:

D10.1.1 The construction shall be such that all product contact surfaces can be (1) sterilized by saturated steam or water under pressure (at least 15.3 psig or 106 kPa) at a temperature of at least 250°F (121°C) and (2) operate at the temperature required for processing.

D10.1.2 Ball-type valves that have a product contact surface(s) to be used in such a processing system, not designed so that the system is automatically shut down if the product pressure in the system becomes less than that of the atmosphere and cannot be restarted until the system is resterilized, shall have a steam or other sterilizing medium chamber surrounding all nonpermanent joints and seals. The ball valves shall be constructed so that the steam chamber or other sterilizing medium chamber may be exposed for inspection.

D10.1.3 Where steam or other sterilizing medium is used, the connection(s) on the ball-type valves shall be such that the steam lines or other sterilizing medium lines can be securely fastened to the ball-type valves. The ball-type valves shall be constructed so that the steam or other sterilizing medium chamber may be exposed for inspection.

D11 Powered Valve Actuators
D11.1 Valves with powered actuators shall have an open space of at least 1 in. (25.4 mm), clear for inspection, between the actuator and the valve.

D12 Nonproduct Contact Surfaces
D12.1 Nonproduct contact surfaces shall be smooth, free of pockets and crevices, and be readily cleanable. Those to be coated shall be effectively prepared for coating.

APPENDIX

STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS
Stainless steel conforming to the applicable composition ranges established by ANSI for wrought products, or by ACI for cast products, should be considered in compliance with the requirements of Section C1 herein. Where welding is involved, the carbon content of the stainless steel should not exceed 0.08%. The first reference cited in C1 sets forth the chemical ranges and limits of acceptable stainless steel of the 300 Series. Cast grades of stainless steel corresponding to types 303, 304, and 316 are designated CF-16F, CF-8, and CF-8M, respectively. The chemical compositions of these cast grades are covered by ASTM specificationsA A351/A351M, A743/A743M and A744/A744M.

PRODUCT CONTACT SURFACE FINISH
Surface finish equivalent to 150 grit or better as obtained with silicon carbide, properly applied on stainless steel sheets, is considered in compliance with the requirements of Section D1 herein. A maximum R\textsubscript{a} of 32 µin. (0.80 µm), when measured according to the recommendations in American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)\textsuperscript{B} B46.1 - Surface Texture, is considered to be equivalent to a No. 4 finish.

DIAGRAMS
These diagrams are intended to demonstrate general principles only, and are not intended to limit individual ingenuity. The design used should conform with the sanitary requirements set forth in these 3-A Sanitary Standards. The following examples are included in this Appendix:

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The data for this series are contained in the AISI Steel Products Manual, Stainless & Heat Resisting Steels, November 1990, Table 2-1, pp. 17-20. Available from the American Iron and Steel Society, 410 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086 (412) 776-1535.

Steel Founders Society of America, Cast Metal Federation Building, 455 State Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016 (708) 299-9160.

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832-9500.

Available from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017-2392 (212) 705-7722.

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3-A Sanitary Standards for Multiple-Use Plastic Materials Used as Product Contact Surfaces for Dairy Equipment, Number 20-18

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

H6 was omitted from the original 3-A Standard which ran in the October issue of Dairy, Food and Environmental Sanitation on page 685.

H6 Data values beyond the permitted maximum weight loss or weight gain limits may be challenged as outlying observations as described in ASTM 178. Physical reasons may be known or discovered which could reject a data value. Procedures or calibrations of equipment, for example, may be causes. Statistical tests may be used to determine if the values are outlying observations. Documented outlying observations may be rejected.
3-A Accepted Practices for the Design, Fabrication, and Installation of Milking and Milk Handling Equipment, Number 606-04

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It is the purpose of the IAMFES, USPHS, and DIC in connection with the development of the 3-A Sanitary Standards Program to allow and encourage full freedom for inventive genius or new developments. Milking and milk handling equipment specifications heretofore or hereafter developed which so differ in design, materials, and fabrication or otherwise as not to conform to the following standards but which, in the fabricator's opinion, are equivalent or better, may be submitted for the joint consideration of the IAMFES, USPHS, and DIC at any time.

NOTE: Use current revisions or editions of all referenced documents cited herein.

A SCOPE

A1 These 3-A Accepted Practices shall pertain to equipment used in a milking system that begins with the equipment applied to the cow to extract milk and continues to all components in the system exclusive of the container in which the raw milk is stored or from which the milk is removed from the dairy farm.

A2 In order to conform with these 3-A Accepted Practices, milking and milk handling equipment shall comply with the following design, material, fabrication, and installation criteria.

B DEFINITIONS (See Appendix, Section J, Figures 1 & 2)

B1 Product: Shall mean raw milk.

B2 Solutions: Shall mean those homogeneous mixtures of chemical solute(s) and solvent used for flushing, cleaning, rinsing, and sanitizing.

B3 Surfaces

B3.1 Product Contact Surfaces: Shall mean all surfaces which are exposed to the product and surfaces from which liquids may drain, drop, or be drawn into the product.

B3.2 Solution Contact Surfaces: Shall mean the interior surfaces of the equipment or system which are used exclusively for supply and recirculation of cleaning and/or sanitizing solutions, except those used to supply concentrated cleaning and/or sanitizing materials to the point of use.

B3.3 Nonproduct Contact Surfaces: Shall mean all other exposed surfaces.

B3.3.1 Splash Contact Surfaces: Shall mean other nonproduct contact surfaces that during normal use are subject to accumulation of soil and which require routine cleaning.

B4 Cleaning

B4.1 Mechanical Cleaning or Mechanically Cleaned: Shall mean soil removal by impingement, circulation, or flowing chemical detergent solutions and water rinses onto and over the surfaces to be cleaned by mechanical means in equipment or systems specifically designed for this purpose.

B4.1.1 Cleaned In Place (CIP): Shall mean mechanical cleaning of equipment, the cleanability of which has been sufficiently established such that all product or solution contact surfaces do not have to be readily accessible for inspection, i.e. silo-type tanks or welded pipelines.

B4.2 Manual (COP) Cleaning: Shall mean soil removal when the equipment is partially or totally disassembled. Soil removal is effected...
with chemical solutions and water rinses with the assistance of one or a combination of brushes, nonmetallic scouring pads and scrapers, high or low pressure hoses and tank(s) which may be fitted with recirculating pump(s), and with all cleaning aids manipulated by hand.

B5 Pipelines

B5.1 Milk Line: Shall mean rigid pipelines which have welded joints or sanitary fittings and are designed for mechanical cleaning and which are used for the dual function of transporting milk and air.

B5.2 Wash Line: Shall mean rigid pipelines which have welded joints or have sanitary fittings and are used exclusively for the supply and recirculation of cleaning and/or sanitizing solutions, except those used to supply concentrated cleaning and/or sanitizing materials to the point of use.

B5.3 Main Air Line: Shall mean the rigid pipe or tube from the vacuum pump through the sanitary trap to the receiver.

B5.4 Milk Transfer Line: Shall mean a pipe which performs the single function of transporting milk.

B5.5 Pulsator Air Line: Shall mean the rigid pipe or tube that supplies vacuum to the pulsator(s).

B6 Component Equipment

B6.1 Sanitary Fittings: Shall mean welded or rolled-on fittings with gaskets to form joints designed for mechanical cleaning which form substantially smooth flush interior surfaces.

B6.2 Air Injector: Shall mean a mechanical valve used to admit air intermittently into the washing system to increase the cleaning action.

B6.3 Short Pulse Tube: Shall mean the flexible air hose or tube between the claw or unit mounted pulsator and the teatcup shell.

B6.4 Claw: Shall mean the sanitary manifold (which may include a reservoir or claw bowl) that spaces the teatcup assemblies in a cluster and connects them to the long milk tube and may include a manifold to connect the long pulse tube to the short pulse tubes.

B6.5 Cluster: Shall mean an assembly comprising teatcups and claw.

B6.6 Teatcup Jetters: Shall mean the manifold assembly used to supply cleaning solutions through the claw and teatcup assemblies for mechanical cleaning in the milking parlor.

B6.7 Vacuum Tube: Shall mean a flexible air tube or hose that connects a bucket milker to a vacuum line.

B6.8 Long Pulse Tube: Shall mean a flexible air tube or hose that connects a pulsator to a claw.

B6.9 Milk Meter: Shall mean in-line equipment that measures the quantity or rate of flow of milk from individual cows.

B6.10 Long Milk Tube (Milk Hose): Shall mean a flexible hose or tube that connects the claw or claw bowl to a bucket or a milk line or a milk transfer line.

B6.11 Milk Inlet: Shall mean a nipple on the milk line or milk transfer line.

B6.12 Milk Cock (Milk Inlet Valve): Shall mean an open-close device incorporated in the milk inlet.

B6.13 Short Milk Tube: Shall mean a tube that connects the teatcup liner to the claw inlet nipple.

B6.14 Nipple: Shall mean a short pipe projecting from the claw, pulsator, milking machine lid, or other part of the milking system apparatus.

B6.15 Pipeline Milking Machine: Shall mean a milking equipment system utilizing milk lines and/or milk transfer lines.

B6.16 Receiver: Shall mean a vessel that receives milk from the milk line or milk transfer line.

B6.17 Releaser: Shall mean a device that releases milk from under vacuum and discharges it to atmospheric pressure.

B6.18 Sanitary Trap: Shall mean a flow vessel that separates the milk side of a milking machine system from the vacuum supply side to keep milk and fluids out of the vacuum system and to prevent back-flow of fluids.

B6.19 Slip-On Connectors: Shall mean a nipple free of barbs over which a hose is positioned without any additional attachment.

B6.20 Stall Cock: Shall mean the valve device on the pulsator air line to which the vacuum hose or pulsator is attached.

B6.21 Teatcup: Shall mean the teatcup shell and liner or inflation.

B6.22 Teatcup liner or Inflation: Shall mean a rubber or rubber-like flexible sleeve with mouthpiece and barrel which fits inside the teatcup shell. The liner may have an integral or separate short milk tube.

B6.23 Teatcup Shell: Shall mean the metal or plastic case or shell in which the teatcup liner or inflation is enclosed.

B6.24 Transfer Station: Shall mean a receptacle and piping or tubing system which conveys milk from the milking area to the container in which the milk is stored. Transfer stations are used with the pail or bucket type milking units.

B6.25 Vacuum Pump: Shall mean an air pump(s) connected to a milking system that creates a suction and maintains partial vacuum.
**B6.26** **Bucket Milking Machine:** Shall mean a machine in which milk flows from the claw into a portable milk receiving bucket which is connected to the vacuum system.

**B6.27** **Distribution Tank:** Shall mean an air vessel or chamber, in the main air line between the vacuum pump and the sanitary trap, which acts as a manifold for other pipelines.

**B6.28** **Drop Lines for Mechanical Cleaning:** Shall mean those flexible hoses which connect wash lines to teatcup jettets or milk meters.

**B6.29** **Milk Cooling and Holding Tank:** Shall mean a vertical or horizontal cylindrical, rectangular, or oval or other equally satisfactorily shaped tank.

**B6.30** **Milking Parlor:** Shall mean a milking area where cows are present only when being milked.

**B6.31** **Milk Pump:** Shall mean a centrifugal or positive displacement pump which moves milk from the receiver to the milk holding tank.

**B6.32** **Pulsator:** Shall mean a device for producing cyclic pressure change inside a teatcup shell.

**B6.33** **Vacuum Milk Holding Tank:** Shall mean a milk cooling and holding tank which is under vacuum during milking.

**B7** **Simple Hand Tools:** Shall mean implements normally used by operating and cleaning personnel such as a screwdriver, wrench or hammer.

**C** MATERIALS

**C1 Metals**

The materials of product contact surfaces of equipment included in the milking system for which there are 3-A Sanitary Standards or 3-A Accepted Practices shall comply with the material criteria of the applicable standards or accepted practices.

**C1.1 Other product contact surfaces shall be of stainless steel of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) 300 Series or corresponding Alloy Cast Institute (ACI) types**

**C2 Nonmetals**

**C2.1 Glass**

Glass may be used for milk lines, milk transfer lines, receivers, receiver air lines, claws, fittings, and elbows, and shall be of a clear, heat-resistant type.

**C2.2 Rubber and rubber-like materials**

Rubber and rubber-like materials may be used in sealing applications, long air hoses, milk hoses, short milk tubes, vacuum tubes, long and short pulse tubes, filter parts, teatcup liners, teatcup jettets, O-rings, drip deflectors, level sensing devices (probes), sensor insulators, and parts having the same functional purposes.

**C2.2.1 Rubber and rubber-like materials, when used for the above specified application(s), shall conform with the applicable provisions of the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Multiple-Use Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials Used as Product Contact Surfaces in Dairy Equipment, Number 18.

**C2.3 Plastic materials**

Plastic materials may be used in sealing applications, transparent flexible tubing for transfer stations, milk hoses, short milk tubes, milk line fittings, vacuum tubes, long and short pulse tubes, plug-type valves, sight and light openings in product or solution pipelines, milk lines or wash lines, filter parts, teatcup liners, O-rings, drip deflectors, level sensing devices (probes), sensor insulators, teatcup jettets, metering devices, releasers, claws, pipeline drain assemblies, air injectors, buckets and bucket lids, float balls and milk inlets and parts having the same functional purposes.

**C2.3.1 Plastic materials when used for the above specified application(s) shall conform with the applicable provisions of the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Multiple-Use Plastic Materials Used as Product Contact Surfaces for Dairy Equipment, Number 20.

**C2.4 Bonded rubber and rubber-like materials and bonded plastic materials**

Bonded rubber and rubber-like materials and bonded plastic materials having product contact surfaces shall be of such composition as to retain their surface and conformational characteristics when exposed to the conditions encountered in the environment of intended use and in cleaning and bactericidal treatment.

**C2.5 The final bond and residual adhesive, if used, on bonded rubber and rubber-like materials and bonded plastic materials shall be nontoxic.

**C2.6 Where materials having certain inherent functional purposes are required for specific applications, such as probe coatings and rotary seals, carbon and/or ceramic materials may be used. Carbon and/or ceramic materials shall be inert, nonporous, nontoxic, nonabsorbent, insoluble, resistant to scratching, scoring, and distortion when exposed to the conditions encountered in the environment of intended use and in cleaning and bactericidal treatment.

**C3 Solution contact surfaces shall be of stainless steel of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) 300 Series or corresponding Alloy Cast Institute (ACI) types**

Carbon and/or ceramic materials shall be inert, nonporous, nontoxic, nonabsorbent, insoluble, resistant to scratching, scoring, and distortion when exposed to the conditions encountered in the environment of intended use and in cleaning and bactericidal treatment.

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**C3 Solution contact surfaces shall be of stainless steel of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) 300 Series or corresponding Alloy Cast Institute (ACI) types.**

Carbon and/or ceramic materials shall be inert, nonporous, nontoxic, nonabsorbent, insoluble, resistant to scratching, scoring, and distortion when exposed to the conditions encountered in the environment of intended use and in cleaning and bactericidal treatment.
piping. Rubber and rubber-like materials or plastic materials complying with C2.2.1 or C2.3.1 may be used for scaling applications and for short flexible takedown jumpers or slip-on connectors.

C4  **Nonproduct Contact Surfaces**
C4.1 All nonproduct contact surfaces shall be of corrosion-resistant material or material that is rendered corrosion resistant. If coated, the coating used shall adhere. All nonproduct contact surfaces shall be relatively nonabsorbent, durable, and cleanable. Parts removable for cleaning having both product contact and nonproduct contact surfaces shall not be painted.

C5  **Main air lines and/or pulsator air lines** shall be made of materials which will withstand periodic cleaning. If these lines are used as part of the product contact surface cleaning circuit, they must comply with Section C3.

C6  **Paper gaskets** shall not be used.

D  **FABRICATION**
D1  The fabrication criteria of equipment included in the milking system for which there are 3-A Sanitary Standards or 3-A Accepted Practices shall be those of the applicable standards or accepted practices. (See Appendix, Section T.)
D2  **Surface Texture**
D2.1  All product and solution contact surfaces shall have a finish at least as smooth as a No. 4 ground finish on stainless steel sheets and be free of imperfections such as pits, folds, and crevices in the final fabricated form (see Appendix, Section I), except that:
D2.1.1  The solution contact surfaces for castings for pumps shall be at least as smooth as ACI Surface Indicator Scale SIS-1. (See Appendix, Section K.)
D2.2  All permanent joints in metallic product contact surfaces shall be continuously welded except that rolled-on fittings may be used as provided for in 3-A Sanitary Standards for Sanitary Fittings for Milk and Milk Products, Number 63-.

D2.3  **Gaskets**
D2.3.1  Gaskets having a product or solution contact surface shall be removable or bonded.
D2.3.2  Grooves in gaskets shall be no deeper than their width unless the gasket is readily removable and reversible for cleaning.
D2.3.3  Gasket grooves or gasket retaining grooves in product contact surfaces for removable gaskets shall not exceed 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) in depth or be less than 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) wide except those for standard O-rings smaller than 1/4 in. (6.35 mm), and those provided for in Section D2.9.

D2.4  **Radii**
D2.4.1  All internal angles of less than 135° on product contact surfaces shall have radii of not less than 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) except that:
D2.4.1.1  Smaller radii may be used when they are required for essential functional reasons, such as those in O-ring grooves, claw assemblies, and milking machine lids. In no case shall such radii be less than 1/32 in. (0.794 mm).
D2.4.1.2  The radii in gasket grooves, gasket retaining grooves, or grooves in gaskets, and those provided for in Section D2.9 and except for those for standard 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) and smaller O-rings, shall be not less than 1/8 in. (3.18 mm).
D2.4.1.3  The radii in grooves for standard 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) O-rings shall not be less than 3/32 in. (2.38 mm) and for standard 1/8 in. (3.18 mm) O-rings shall be not less than 1/32 in. (0.794 mm).
D2.4.2  The minimum radii for fillets of welds in product contact surfaces shall be not less than 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) except that the minimum radii for such welds may be 1/8 in. (3.18 mm) when the thickness of one or both parts joined is less than 3/16 in. (4.76 mm).

D2.5  **Openings in Covers**
D2.5.1  **All milk lines and/or milk transfer lines and other appurtenances entering through the lid or cover of the cooling and/or holding tank, and not permanently attached to the cover, shall be fitted with a sanitary drip deflector that overlaps the edges of the opening through the cover and is located as close as possible to the cover.**

D2.6  **Drainage**
D2.6.1  The bottom of all product containers (surge tanks, distribution tanks, and receivers) which have a sanitary connection outlet shall have at least a 1/4 in. per ft. (21 mm per m) pitch to the outlet.

D2.7  **Metal tanks**
D2.7.1  Metal tanks used as surge tanks, distribution tanks, and receivers shall comply with 3-A Sanitary Standards for Uninsulated Tanks for Milk and Milk Products, Number 32-.
D2.8 Cleaning and Inspectibility

D2.8.1 Milking systems that are to be mechanically cleaned shall be designed so that the product contact surfaces of the milking system and all nonremoved appurtenances thereon can be mechanically cleaned and are easily accessible and readily removable for inspection and the following:

D2.8.1.1 Each separate cleaning circuit, including product and solution lines, shall be provided with a sufficient number of access points, such as valves, fittings or removable sections to make possible adequate inspections and examinations of representative interior surfaces.

D2.8.2 Product contact surfaces not designed to be mechanically cleaned shall be easily accessible for cleaning and inspection either when in an assembled position or when removed. Removable parts shall be readily demountable.

D2.8.3 All product contact and solution contact surfaces shall be cleanable, either when in an assembled position or when removed. System appurtenances shall be accessible for inspection. Removable parts shall be readily demountable.

D2.9 Plastic or rubber hoses used under vacuum, such as vacuum tubes, long pulse tubes, milk hoses, short milk tubes, inflations, and drop lines for mechanical cleaning, may utilize slip-on connectors.

D2.10 All sanitary fittings and connections shall conform to the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Sanitary Fittings for Milk and Milk Products, Number 63-, 3-A Sanitary Standards for Plug-Type Valves for Milk and Milk Products, Number 51-, 3-A Sanitary Standards for Thermoplastic Plug-Type Valves for Milk and Milk Products, Number 52-, or 3-A Sanitary Standards for Compression-Type Valves for Milk and Milk Products, Number 53-, except that plastic fittings and connections that comply with Section C2.3.1 and glass fittings and connections that comply with Section C2.1 may be used.

D2.11 Lines and fittings for the application of air under pressure shall comply with the applicable provisions of 3-A Accepted Practices for Air Under Pressure in Contact with Milk, Milk Products, and Product Contact Surfaces, Number 604.

D2.12 Springs

D2.12.1 Any coil spring having product contact surfaces shall have at least 3/32 in. (2.38 mm) openings between coils, including the ends when the spring is in the free position.

D2.13 Bonded rubber and rubber-like materials and bonded plastic materials having product contact surfaces shall be bonded in a manner that the bond is continuous and mechanically sound so that when exposed to the conditions encountered in the environment of intended use and in cleaning and bactericidal treatment, the rubber and rubber-like material or the plastic material does not separate from the base material to which it is bonded.

D2.14 Nonproduct Contact Surfaces

D2.14.1 Nonproduct contact surfaces shall have a smooth finish, free of pockets and crevices, and be readily cleanable. Surfaces to be coated shall be effectively prepared for coating to assure adhesion.

FABRICATION - SPECIFIC ITEMS

The following are requirements for specific items.

El Milking Machine Pails and Transfer Stations

A tipping handle, located near the bottom, shall be provided on a floor type pail. Handles and brackets shall be permanently attached to the equipment. A lid shall be provided for both floor and suspended-type pails. Bails, handles, chines, and legs on both types of milking machine pails shall be considered nonproduct contact surfaces.

El.1 Lids or covers shall be provided for milking machine pails, milk carrying pails, and transfer station receptacles. Lids on transfer station receptacles shall be self closing. All ungasketed lids shall have over-lapping edges turned down at least 3/8 in. (9.52 mm) below the top of the milk pail or receptacle. The lids or covers on the milking machine pails, milk carrying pails, and transfer stations shall be pitched to an outside edge(s) so as to be free draining.

The transparent plastic tubing used in conjunction with a transfer station shall be one continuous piece.

El.1.2 Equipment for air drying transfer tubing shall be provided. The air drying equipment shall comply with the applicable provisions of the 3-A Accepted Practices for Air Under Pressure in Contact with Milk, Milk Products, and Product Contact Surfaces, Number 604.

El.3 Pumps used for product contact, if supplied, shall conform to the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Centrifugal and Positive Rotary Pumps for Milk and Milk Products, Number 02-

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El.1.4 Pumps, when used, shall be actuated by a milk level sensing device. All product contact surfaces of the device shall be readily demountable for inspection and shall be located so that all of the product contact surfaces are
reached by rinse, wash, and sanitizing solutions.

E1.5 The carriage shall be constructed of smooth corrosion resistant material. Tires shall be smooth and without threads.

E2 Milker Claws
E2.1 Nipples for long and short milk tubes shall be flush with the interior surface of the claw bowl.
E2.2 The claw shall be designed so that cleaning and sanitizing solutions will drain when the claw is in the cleaning and sanitizing position.
E2.3 Automatic cluster removers, when used, shall shut the vacuum off to the claw prior to removal to prevent extraneous material from being drawn into the cluster. The design and/or adjustment shall be such that the cluster is not dragged across the floor at removal.

E3 Sanitary Check Valves
E3.1 A bucket type milking machine shall be provided with a sanitary check valve or other device that will prevent moisture or any contaminating substance from entering the milk from the vacuum system. A sanitary check valve or other device that will pass the test methods found in Appendix, Section J is considered to meet this provision.
E3.2 The movable portion of the sanitary check valve shall be of one piece construction or the parts shall be bonded together.

E4 Filters
E4.1 Filters shall conform to the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Milk and Milk Products Filters Using Disposable Filter Media, Number 10.
E4.2 Wire mesh or woven material shall not be used for the filter medium support.

E5 Milk Lines and/or Milk Transfer Lines and/or Wash Lines
E5.1 All solution contact surfaces shall be at least as smooth as a No. 4 ground finish on stainless steel sheets except as provided in Section D2.1.1.1.
E5.2 Permanently mounted product and solution pipelines shall have sanitary fittings or welded joints.
E5.3 All product contact sanitary pipeline (tubing) shall conform to the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Polished Metal Tubing for Dairy Products, Number 33 or be of a clear, heat resistant glass.
E5.4 Milk lines shall be supported so that they remain in alignment and position. (See Appendix, Section 5.) The support system shall be designed so as to preclude electrolytic action between support(s) and milk line(s).
E5.5 Each separate cleaning circuit, including product and solution pipelines (wash lines), shall be provided with a sufficient number of access points, such as valves, fittings, or removable sections to make possible adequate inspection and examination of representative interior surfaces. All mechanically cleaned milk line product contact surfaces shall be exposed to cleaning and sanitizing solutions during cleaning.
E5.6 The milker unit (cluster and long milk tube) cleaning manifold shall not be located in the milk line.
E5.7 Milk lines and wash lines shall be self-draining except for normal clingage, and shall have a minimum continuous slope of at least 1 in. per 10 ft (8.3 mm per m) from a high point. (Also see Section E8.2 and E8.5.)
E5.8 Milk inlets and milk inlet valves, where provided, shall be self-draining into the milk lines and/or milk transfer line and installed so that milk enters the upper half of the milk line. All milk inlet valves shall be supplied with closures which are readily applied and are of sanitary design.
E5.9 The milk line and/or milk transfer line couplings or unions shall not be located in openings in walls, solid partitions, etc. through which the milk line and/or milk transfer lines pass. Where necessary, protective shields shall be used. The openings between the milk line and wall shall be protected to prevent the entrance of flies and other insects into the milkroom.
E5.10 Milking systems shall be physically disconnected from the cleaning make-up vats during milking to avoid contamination by solution in the vat.
E5.11 Milk lines shall be installed so that the vertical distance from the platform on which the cow stands to the center of the milk line, does not exceed 7 ft (2.1 m) when milk is moved by vacuum directly from the milker unit assembly to the milk line except for cross overs. Opaque long milk tubes shall not exceed 8 ft (2.4 m) in length.
E5.12 There shall be no risers in the milk line. Any upward slope encountered by the milk moving toward the receiver is considered a riser. Vertical sanitary pipelines, such as cross over pipelines, which do not convey milk are not considered risers.
E5.13 In a pipeline milking system, there shall be no cross-connection(s) between the safe water supply and any unsafe or questionable water supply, or any source of pollution through which the safe water supply might become contaminated. For example, a connection between the water supply piping and solution make-up tank, unless protected by an air gap or effective back-flow preventer, constitutes a violation of this practice.

E5.14 A milk transfer line connecting the milk pump or releaser and milk cooling and holding tank shall be a rigid pipe or tube with welded joints or permanently installed sanitary fittings.

E6 Vacuum Pumps
E6.1 Oil-containing exhaust from a vacuum pump shall not terminate in a milking barn, stable, parlor, milkroom or feedroom.

E7 Vacuum Regulators and Air Admission
E7.1 During the milking cycle a regulator shall not admit air directly into the milk line.

E7.2 Air may be admitted into the milk line and/or milk transfer line for purposes of "shut down" by valves or other acceptable means located in the milkroom only. A valve for "shut down" purposes may not be installed in nonproduct contact lines unless a check valve is installed adjacent to the sanitary trap and in such a manner that will permit air to travel only to the vacuum pump.

E7.3 Air admission bleed holes (or air vents), if provided, shall be in the upper half of the claw or claw bowl when it is in the milking position or in the teatcup assembly.

E7.4 An air injector, if provided, shall be located to admit clean air into the pipeline during the washing process. The timing and air-to-water ratio shall be adjusted so all surfaces are exposed to wash solution with enough turbulence to clean the system. The air injector shall be designed, installed, and operated so that air is not admitted during milking. Air injectors shall be located in the milk house or room of equivalent cleanliness, or shall be provided with an appropriate filter and properly protected from contamination. Air injectors mounted on the milk line shall be of sanitary design.

E8 Main Air Lines and/or Pulsator Air Lines
E8.1 Main air lines and/or pulsator air lines shall be supported in such a manner that the lines will properly drain.

E8.2 Main air lines and/or pulsator air lines shall be pitched at least 1/2 in. in 10 ft (4.2 mm per m), preferably in the direction of air flow.

E8.3 An automatic drain valve or a self draining sanitary trap shall be installed at the bottom of all risers which are not self-draining.

E8.4 Stall cocks shall enter the upper half of the line.

E8.5 In a pipeline milking machine, a self-draining sanitary trap shall be provided whenever the milk line or a permanently installed solution pipeline (wash line) is connected to a vacuum supply line. The trap shall be installed adjacent to the milk receiver, releaser, wash vacuum pipeline or vacuum milk holding tank and connected by readily disassembled sanitary piping. From the top intersection of the outlet on the receiver, the vertical rise of this connection shall not exceed 12 in. (30.5 cm) as measured to the bottom of the connecting elbow. The connecting sanitary piping shall slope toward the sanitary trap at least 1/2 in. (13 mm) in the first 2 ft (61 cm) and the remainder of the pipe shall slope a minimum of 0.8%. The sanitary trap shall be installed so that any liquid collected in the sanitary trap cannot get back into the receiver, releaser, or vacuum milk holding tank. Sanitary traps designed for mechanical cleaning may be cleaned by reverse flow.

If a distribution tank is used, it shall be self-draining except for normal clingage.

E9 Milk Receiver, Pump, and Releaser
E9.1 The milk level sensing device shall be designed so that milk will not reach the lowest inlet in the milk receiver.

E9.2 When a centrifugal or positive rotary type milk pump is used to remove the milk from the receiver, it shall conform to the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Centrifugal and Positive Rotary Pumps for Milk and Milk Products, Number 02-. The pump shall be located so that it is readily accessible for cleaning and/or inspection.

E9.3 The pump shall be actuated by a level sensing device. All product contact surfaces of the device shall be readily demountable for inspection and shall be located so that all of the product contact surfaces are reached by the rinse and wash solutions.

E9.4 A releasing mechanism, when provided, shall be of a sanitary design, and operated so that the milk will not reach the lowest milk inlet of the receiver during milking.
E9.5 The pump and interconnecting piping shall be installed so that they are self-draining except for normal clingage. Drains shall terminate above the floor and shall not be connected to sewage lines.

E10 The teatcup jetters in the parlor shall be covered during milking.

E10.1 Cluster cleaning devices such as teatcup jetters, when installed outside the milkroom, shall be constructed as to prevent insects, rodents, dirt, dust, and other contaminants from gaining access to milk contact surfaces and solution contact surfaces. They shall provide complete drainage, except for normal clingage, of clusters, long milk tubes, and solution contact surfaces.

E11 Automatic Backflush Systems

E11.1 When backflush is used, it shall include a valve between the claw and the milk inlet which provides a complete separation, with an air gap, between the solution inlet and milk line.

E11.2 The backflush cycle shall include a pre- and post-rinse with safe water.

E11.3 After final rinse, any remaining water shall be blown from the cluster with compressed air or removed from the unit by vacuum. This is to be accomplished before the valve returns to the milking position.

E11.4 If compressed air is used to blow water from the unit or injected into the sanitizer or rinse solution, the air must be produced using equipment conforming with the 3-A Accepted Practices for Supplying Air Under Pressure in Contact with Milk, Milk Products and Product Contact Surfaces, Number 604.

E12 Heat Exchangers

E12.1 When plate heat exchangers are used as milk coolers in milking systems, they shall conform to 3-A Sanitary Standards for Plate Heat Exchangers for Milk and Milk Products, Number 11.

E12.2 When tubular heat exchangers are used as milk coolers in milking systems, they shall conform to 3-A Sanitary Standards for Tubular Heat Exchangers for Milk and Milk Products, Number 12.

E12.3 Other types of heat exchangers, such as refrigerated receivers, if used as milk coolers in milking systems, shall conform with the applicable criteria in Sections C and D of 3-A Accepted Practices for the Design, Fabrication and Installation of Milking and Milk Handling Equipment, Number 606.

E12.4 Recirculated cold water which is used in plate or tubular heat exchangers shall be from a safe source, shall be nontoxic, and shall be protected from contamination. Such water shall be tested semiannually and shall comply with appropriate bacteriological standards.

F MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS

The manufacturer shall furnish instruction charts and literature on milking systems giving the maintenance schedules and operational instructions. This shall include the recommended assembly and disassembly procedures of all components. It shall also include lubrication and maintenance schedules for vacuum pumps, milk pumps, pulsators, and vacuum regulators.

G APPLICATION TO INSTALL PIPELINE MILKING MACHINES

Prior to the installation of a pipeline milking machine, the producer shall first make application on a suitable form, as prescribed by the control authority, or in the absence of a required form, on a form as suggested herein (See Appendix, Section U). The producer shall provide the control authority with two copies of the necessary details and flow diagrams. Approval of the application shall be obtained prior to the starting of installation.

Changes in existing milking systems, affecting capacity or arrangement, shall be submitted to the control authority.

H STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS

Stainless steel conforming to the applicable composition ranges established by AISI for wrought products, or by ACI for cast products, should be considered in compliance with the requirements of Section C1 herein. Where welding is involved, the carbon content of the stainless steel should not exceed 0.08%. The first reference cited in C1.2 sets forth the chemical ranges and limits of acceptable stainless steel of the 300 Series. Cast grades of stainless steel corresponding to types 304, 304, and 316 are designated CF-16F, CF-8, and CF-8M, respectively. The chemical compositions of these cast grades
are covered by ASTM specifications A351/A351M, A743/A743M and A744/A744M.

**PRODUCT CONTACT SURFACE FINISH**

Surface finish equivalent to 150 grit or better as obtained with silicon carbide, properly applied on stainless steel sheets, is considered in compliance with the requirements of Section D1 herein. A maximum \( R_s \) of 32 \( \mu \)in. (0.80 \( \mu \)m), when measured according to the recommendations in American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) B46.1 - *Surface Texture*, is considered to be equivalent to a No. 4 finish.

**PROCEDURES FOR TESTING SANITARY CHECK VALVE PERFORMANCE ON BUCKET-TYPE MILKERS**

J1 This procedure has been devised to test the performance of the sanitary check valve on bucket-type milking machines using a laboratory installation of the vacuum system. The only variations in the vacuum system used in this test (See Figure 1) from that used on dairy farms are: (a) a stall cock between the vacuum pump and the controller, as a means of controlling the vacuum, and (b) location of a vacuum gauge between the two stall cocks to which the units are attached during the test. The test should be conducted in the following manner using only the facilities outlined in the accompanying drawing:

J1.1 Set up pump, controller, trap, and stall cocks as indicated in Figure 1.

J1.2 Assemble two clean, dry milking machine units.

J1.3 Start the vacuum pump. Attach the vacuum tube to the stall cocks and apply vacuum to both units. Adjust the vacuum and pulsator speed to those recommended by the manufacturer.

J1.4 Reduce the vacuum in the system by opening the vacuum controlling valve at the pump until the needle on the gauge just starts to drop, not exceeding 1/2 in. of mercury (1.72 kPa) vacuum below the normal milking vacuum recommended by the manufacturer. (See step J1.3.)

J1.5 While the units are under vacuum, inject 5 ml of water with a syringe into the vacuum tubes of each unit, approximately 4 in. (101.6 mm) from the check valve.

J1.6 Admit air through the teatcups to one of the units to produce a momentary 4 in. of mercury (13.7 kPa) drop in vacuum (or the maximum drop permitted by the design of the machine), indicated on the vacuum gauge.

Close the stall cock to which the vacuum tube of this unit is attached, remove the vacuum tube, and release the vacuum in the pail in the normal manner. (The vacuum tube must be maintained in a position favoring drainage toward the check-valve, as is the case when a unit is routinely moved from one stall cock to another.) The pail or container lid is not to be removed.

Immediately attach this unit again to the stall cock, open stall cock, and re-establish the normal operating vacuum.

J1.8 Follow steps J1.6, J1.7 and J1.8 with the other unit.

J1.9 Repeat steps J1.5 to J1.8 inclusive, alternatively with the two units, five additional times (so that 30 ml of water will have been injected into each air hose.) Then release the vacuum and carefully remove and examine the lid, the check valve, and the interior of the pail of each unit, separately. The presence of moisture on the underside of the check valve, on the underside of the lid, or in the pail indicate failure of the check valve to function effectively in preventing backflow of potential contamination and indicates non-conformance to the requirement of E3.1.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR VISUAL INSPECTION OF CAST SURFACE FINISH**

Because RMS (root mean square) or \( R_s \) (roughness average) values are applicable strictly to machined surfaces, it is essential to use a scale of cast surfaces in designating the general surface smoothness desired on castings. The reason for establishing a visual standard is to overcome the obvious inadequacy of any arithmetic or geometric measuring system when applied to the surface of the casting.

The ACI Surface Indicator Scale is the one to be used for the surfaces of castings for pumps or other appurtenances. (See subsection D2.1.1.1 of these Practices.) The scale provides a measure of the degree of general smoothness which can be attained on alloy castings by currently available processes. There are four surfaces shown on the scale.

Copies of the Specification for Visual Inspection of Cast Surface Finish as well as the Surface Indicator Scale can be obtained from the Steel Founders’ Society of America, Cast Metal Federation Building, 455 State Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016, (708) 299-9160.
Note:
1. Install Regulator And Vacuum Gauge Per Manufacturers Specifications.
2. Stall Cocks To Be Positioned Per Manufacturers Specifications.
INSTALLING, SIZING AND PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

The installing, sizing, and performance guidelines outlined in American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) Standard: ASAE S-518 Milking Machine Installations, Construction and Performance should be followed.

MAIN AIR LINES AND/OR PULSATOR AIR LINES

M1 Pipe and fittings used in main air lines and/or pulsator air line installations should be capable of withstanding vacuums of 25 in. (635 mm) of mercury without collapsing.

M2 Pulsator air lines should be looped to (1) a vacuum distribution tank or (2) a vacuum pulsator header line. A single header line should be a minimum of one size larger than the pulsator air line, unless the pulsator air line is sized larger than the minimum size specified in ASAE S-518. (See Appendix, Section L.)

MILK LINE AND VACUUM SYSTEM CAPACITY

N1 The milk line size should be deemed to be sufficient if, upon installation of a milking system, it meets the maximum milk line vacuum drop in accordance with Appendix, Section L.

N2 The vacuum system should be deemed to have sufficient capacity if, upon installation of a milking system, it meets the vacuum capacity and reserve performance criteria in accordance with Appendix, Section L.

OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND SERVICE

O1 Installation Check

O1.1 It is recommended that immediately after installing, the installer should perform the dynamic milk test according to ASAE EP 445 - Test Equipment and Its Application for Measuring Milk Handling Equipment.

O2 Service Check

O2.1 It is strongly recommended that a complete service check and milking system performance evaluation be performed by an authorized milking machine dealer on an hourly use basis as recommended by the machine manufacturer or at least once a year. The suggested test should include (1) operating vacuum level, (2) vacuum pump capacity, and (3) effective reserve. It is highly desirable that a service report and milking system test report be supplied by the milking machine manufacturer and followed closely by their authorized dealer during the service check. A copy of the completed report should be furnished to the owner.

Vacuum System

The following recommendations, if followed, should aid in trouble-free operation of the vacuum system.

O3.1 Vacuum Pump

O3.1.1 Use only oil recommended by the manufacturer and maintain it at proper level. Change oil as frequently as recommended by the manufacturer.

O3.1.2 Consult a qualified dealer and the control authority before adding units to a milking system.

O3.1.3 Keep pulleys and belts free of oil and grease. Check the operator's manual for the proper belt tension. Keep shields and guards in place.

O3.2 Check the pulsator(s) as recommended by the manufacturer to see that it is properly adjusted.

O3.3 Check vacuum tubes and main air lines and/or pulsator air lines weekly, and clean as needed. Any leak in the vacuum pipeline should be corrected immediately.

O3.4 Check for vacuum leaks in all stall cocks, milk inlets, valves, gaskets, and other fittings.

O3.5 Check and clean vacuum regulator and sanitary traps weekly.

Milker Units

O4.1 Teatcup liners or inflations should be changed as recommended by the manufacturer and damaged parts should be replaced immediately.

O4.2 Only milk hoses, short milk tubes, short pulse tubes, long pulse tubes, and vacuum tubes of the recommended inside diameter should be used. Hoses and tubes should be kept free of obstructions and kinks.

RELEASER

The operation of the releaser should not cause the vacuum in the system to drop more than 1 in. (25.4 mm) of mercury.

TRANSFER STATIONS

To prevent excessive agitation and incorporation of air into the milk, pump type stations should be equipped with level sensing devices to start and stop the pump motor. Vacuum operated stations should be equipped with check valves for the same purpose.
R CLEANING AND SANITIZING PROCEDURES

R1 A rinsing, cleaning, and sanitizing regimen which has been demonstrated to be effective should be employed. Prior to installation, a description of the cleaning regimen that has been determined to be effective should be made available to the producer. Because of the possibilities of corrosion, the recommendations of the cleaning compound manufacturer should be followed with respect to the time, temperature, and the concentration of specific detergent solutions and bactericides. To insure proper strength of solution and to avoid corrosion, the cleaning compound should be completely dissolved or dispersed prior to circulation. One regimen found to be satisfactory is as follows:

R1.1 Immediately after concluding each milking, all connections between wash lines and milking equipment are made; equipment which is not included in the cleaning circuit is removed, the openings are capped, by-pass connections are made, and lines are rinsed thoroughly with tepid water at 90° to 105°F (32° to 40°C) entering circuit, continuously discarding the water at the downstream end of the solution return line until the discarded effluent is clear.

R1.2 All solution and product contact surfaces not cleanable by mechanical cleaning procedures such as valves, slip joints, milk inlets, etc. should be cleaned manually.

R1.3 An effective detergent solution should be circulated for a period of time at a concentration and temperature capable of effectively removing the soil residue in the circuit.

R1.4 The detergent solution should be thoroughly rinsed from the circuit with an acid solution.

R1.5 Immediately prior to the next milking, the line should be rinsed with clean water to which an approved sanitizing agent has been added. Then let drain before starting to milk.

R2 Provisions should be made for adequate warm water under pressure to be available for cleaning the outside or nonproduct contact surfaces of the cluster including tubes. Dismantling for replacing rubber parts and/or manual cleaning of product contact surfaces should be done in the milkroom.

R3 Provide means by which milk measuring devices which are not mounted permanently on the milking system but are used occasionally (for example, monthly) can be cleaned per manufacturer's recommendations.

R4 Water heating capacity is considered adequate if the detergent solution in the wash vat is maintained at a minimum of 120°F (50°C). Manufacturer's recommendations for water requirements should be followed. Use the information below to determine the amount of water to wash the milking system.

### Hot Water Requirements

Calculate the amount of hot water in the vat for washing per the following table. The amounts are valid for an ambient temperature down to 50°F (10°C) and when the water temperature is at least 160°F (71.1°C) at the start of the washing cycle, i.e. start of vacuum pump.

At colder ambient temperature, wash with more hot water or start at a higher water temperature. For example, at 30°F (-1.1°C) ambient temperature, 20-25% more water must be added or wash must start at 175°F to 180°F (79.4°C to 82.2°C). If wash starts at a lower 150°F (65.6°C) water temperature, add about 25% more hot water.

### MILK LINE OR WASH LINE SUPPORTS

Permanently installed pipeline supports should not be suspended from ceiling or joists in barns in which heavy feed, etc. is stored overhead. Supports should be spaced no more than 10 ft (3050 mm) apart. A support should be provided within 2 ft (610 mm) of every direction change.

### REFERENCES

T1 3-A Sanitary Standards for Centrifugal and Positive Rotary Pumps for Milk and Milk Products, Number 02.

T2 3-A Sanitary Standards for Milk and Milk Products Filters Using Disposable Filter Media, Number 10.

T3 3-A Sanitary Standards for Plate Type Heat Exchangers for Milk and Milk Products, Number 11.

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**Table: Hot Water Requirements**

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<th>Component</th>
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<td>1 1/2 in. (38.10 mm) Discharge Line</td>
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<td>2 in. (50.80 mm) Discharge Line</td>
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<td>Weigh Jar</td>
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<td>Milk Meter</td>
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<td>Receiver</td>
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<td>Vat</td>
<td>Additional 7.0 gal (26.5 L) or 25% of above (use larger value)</td>
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U APPLICATION TO INSTALL PIPELINE MILKING SYSTEMS

U1 After application has been made, as in Section G, the applicant should be notified promptly of any necessary changes.

U2 Each "type" of a manufacturer's standards unit may be made available by the dealer to the proper control authority, for general approval for installation in the control authority's jurisdiction at anytime. It is recognized that any manufacturer's so-called standards do not fit all operating conditions of all users. Therefore, if any installation requires deviations from the standards already generally approved for use in the jurisdiction, the details of all deviations must be submitted with the initial application for installation and approval received prior to the installation. It is urged that deviation details thus submitted be acted upon by the control authority promptly after being received.

U3 It is recommended that all milk control authorities adopt an "Application to Install or Modify a Milking System" form.

1The data for this series are contained in the AISI Steel Products Manual, Stainless & Heat Resisting Steels, November 1990, Table 2-1, pp. 17-20. Available from the American Iron and Steel Society, 410 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086 (412) 776-1535.

2Steel Founders Society of America, Cast Metal Federation Building, 455 State Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016 (708) 299-9160.


4Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (610) 832-9500.

5Available from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017-2392 (212) 705-7722.

6Available from American Society of Agricultural Engineers, 2950 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085-9659 (616) 429-0300.
APPLICATION TO INSTALL OR MODIFY A MILKING SYSTEM

Date: ________________________________

Name of Producer: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

State and Zip Code: ____________________________

Phone/Fax: ____________________________

Producer’s Regulatory License or Permit Number: ____________________________

Milk Dealer or Buyer: ____________________________

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL OR MODIFY A MILKING SYSTEM TO BE MECHANICALLY CLEANED IN PLACE. THIS EQUIPMENT WILL CONFORM TO OR EXCEED 3-A ACCEPTED PRACTICES FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF MILKING AND MILK HANDLING EQUIPMENT, NUMBER 604-.

I INSTRUCTIONS:

A. All blanks that apply to this installation must be completed.

B. This application must be accompanied by a detailed legible drawing of the milking system showing the following:

1. High Point
2. Direction of Milk Flow
3. Receiver(s) or Transfer Station
4. Air Injector(s)
5. Inspection Point(s)
6. Wash Vat(s)
7. Milk Cooling and Holding Tank(s)
8. Milk Pre-Cooler(s)

II FABRICATION OF MILKING SYSTEM:

A Milk Line:

1. Material(s) __________________________
2. Diameter ____________ in.
3. Length ____________ ft
4. Welded ____________
5. Gasketed ____________
6. Number of Slopes ____________
7. Slope ____________ in. per 10 ft
8. High Line ____________
9. Maximum Height from Floor ____________ in.
10. Low Line ____________

B Receiver:

1. Number of Inlets ____________
2. Size of Milk Inlet(s) ____________ in.
3. Size of Vacuum Inlet ____________ in.
4. Sanitary Trap: Yes ____________ No ____________

C Auxiliary Milking Equipment:

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<td>4. Automatic Backflush</td>
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<td>5. End of Milking Indicators</td>
<td>____________</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Milk Filtration</td>
<td>____________</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Transfer Station</td>
<td>Vacuum ____________</td>
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### Vacuum System:
1. Main Air Line Material Diameter in. Length ft
2. Pulsator Air Line Material Diameter in. Length ft
3. Automatic Drains in Pulsator Air Lines Yes No
4. Number of Clusters
5. Vacuum Pump(s) Brand Model(s) hp
6. Total Vacuum Pump Capacity CFM/ASME at 15 in. Hg.
7. Vacuum Regulator Brand Model
8. Number of Distribution Tank(s)
9. Other (specify)

### Milk Cooling and Storage System:
1. Pre-Cooler Brand(s) Type Number
2. Type of Coolant(s)
3. Milk Cooling & Holding Tank Brand Model Serial No. Milk Capacity Cooling Capacity BTU/hr

### Cleaning and Sanitizing System:
NOTE: Water temperature of the wash cycle must be maintained at 120°F or higher.
1. Automatic Manual
2. Automatic Pre-Rinse Diverter Valve
3. Wash Procedure Pre-Rinse gallons Wash Cycle gallons Time minutes Acid/Post Rinse gallons Sanitize gallons
4. Teatcup Jetters Yes No

### Water Heating Equipment:
1. Type of Heater Electric Gas Other
2. Capacity of Heater Gallons
3. Recovery Rate Gal/HR/100 Degree Rise Gallons
4. Additional Water Heating Type

### Manually Cleaned Components: (Circle all that apply)
Diverter Plug(s) Manual Shut-Off Valve(s) Milk Tank Outlet Valve(s)
List other components in this system:

### Physical Separation of Wash System (Lines) From:
1. Milking System During Milking Yes No
2. Milk Tank During Milk Storage Yes No

### Initial Dynamic Test
Performed Yes No Date
A CLEANING PROGRAM INCLUDING WATER HARDNESS, DETERGENT AND SANITIZER MUST BE POSTED IN THE MILK ROOM

The posted chart shall be legible and protected to provide a degree of permanency. If procedure is changed in any way, a new program must be posted.

ANY FUTURE MODIFICATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL

Owner or Authorized Representative: ___________________________  Signature
Installer/Dealer: ___________________________  Signature
Address
Phone Number

OFFICIAL ACTION

1. Plan Approval
   Fieldman: ___________________________  Signature  __________  Date
   Regional Sanitarian: ___________________________  Signature  __________  Date

2. Installation Approval
   Regional Sanitarian: ___________________________  Signature  __________  Date

These revised practices are effective November 23, 1996, at which time the 3-A Accepted Practices for Design, Fabrication and Installation of Milking and Milk Handling Equipment, Number 606-03 are rescinded and become null and void.
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### September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996

### Cash on Hand
- **September 1, 1995**: 276,023

### Cash Flow from Operations:

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### Revenue Less Expense
- 20,752*

### Change in Asset/Liability Accounts
- (20,829)

### Net Cash Flow from Operations
- (77)

### Investing Activities:

| Equipment Purchases      | (12,733) |

### Net Change in Cash Flow
- (12,810)

### Cash on Hand
- **August 31, 1996**: 263,213

### Revenue Generated by Fund

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**Revenue Less Expense**: 20,752

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*Revenue Generated by Fund*

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**APRIL**

- **8-9, Oregon Dairy Industries Annual Conference, Eugene Hilton.** For additional information, contact Lilly Smith, Oregon Dairy Industries, Food Science Dept., 100 Wiegand Hall, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331-6602; phone (503) 745-5545; fax (503) 745-1018.

- **9-11, Food Science Course: Applied Sensory Evaluation, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.** For further information, contact Keith Wilson, Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers University-Cook College, P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0231; (908) 932-9271.

**MAY**

- **3-8, The 26th National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, at the Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Airport.** For further information, contact Leon Townsend, NCIMS Executive Secretary, 110 Tecumseh Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601. Telephone and/or fax (502) 695-0253.

**JULY**

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**20-23, 48th Meeting of the Pacific Fisheries Technologists, Astoria, OR.** Topics will cover areas related to seafood processing, quality and safety. For more information, contact Michael Morrissey, fax (503) 325-2753; e-mail moorimic@ccmail.orst.edu.

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9. Fluid Milk Shelf-Life
10. Sediment Testing and Producing Clean Milk
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21. Troubleshooting Residual Films on Dairy Farm Milk Handling Equipment
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