Dairy Program Audit Services &
Product Investigations
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Audit Services

• Audit Services
  • Provide auditing and investigative support for the NDA’s Dairy Program and Food Safety Services
Audit Services Duties

- Dairy Program support
  - Dairy product distributor licensing
  - Remittance preparation
  - Auditing procedures
  - Complaint resolution
  - Field investigations
  - Regulatory compliance

Dairy Program Mission

- NDA’s Dairy Program is dedicated to assuring the availability of wholesome, nutritious dairy products and to promote a business climate that is economically viable for those who produce, process or market dairy products in Nevada.

- The Dairy Program is funded from fees collected through licensing, permit fees, and assessments on regulated dairy products.
Licensing in Nevada

In accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 584.595, no distributor may deal in fluid milk, fluid cream or any other dairy product without first having obtained a license from the Director.

Dairy License Types

- Dairy Distributor License
- Bulk Milk Haulers and Plant Samplers
- Dairy and Plant Permits
- All licenses and permits are renewed annually
# NDA Regulated Dairy Products

1. Fluid Milk  
2. Creams  
3. Yogurt  
4. Butter  
5. Sour Cream  
6. Cottage Cheese  
7. Ice Cream/Novelties  
8. Frozen Mix

# Products Not Regulated

1. Aerosol whipping cream  
2. Plant based “milk” products (non-lactating sources)  
3. Cheeses, including cream cheese  
4. Dairy powders  
5. Margarine  
6. Sorbet  
7. Sour cream dressing or dips
Product Investigations

• Retail price surveys are conducted monthly.
• New product field investigations are done randomly to identify non-authorized dairy products.

NDA Dairy Program additional tasks

• Maintaining satisfactory marketing conditions
  • Ensuring distributors are in compliance with the minimum pricing requirements and do not sell below cost.
  • There are no regulations on maximum pricing.
  • Within 48 Hours before midnight of date of expiration, a distributor may donate or discount a dairy product. Discounting permits selling below cost so that products are used and not wasted or discarded.
**Items of focus during store checks**

- Raw milk products
- Raw milk pet products
- Cheese wheels without labeling
- Grade A products repackaged
- Locally produced products
- Foreign products
- “Unknown or New” products—is it really a dairy product?

**Other Product Considerations**

- How is it packaged?
  - Glass jar
  - Paper cartons
  - Plastic bottles/tubs
  - Squeeze pouches
Consider

• Where is it made?
• What are the ingredients?
• How is it labeled or named?
• Is there a standard of identity?

Identification, Labeling and Interpretation Resources (NRS 584)

Resources
• Interstate Milk Shippers (IMS) List Sanitation Compliance and Enforcement Ratings
  o FDA approval for sale
• Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21 Food and Drugs
  o Standard of Identity for a product
• Pasteurized Milk Ordinance
• Grade A products defined (NRS 584)
Grade A Dairy Products Labels

- It should at minimum:
  - Identify product – name
  - Indicate Grade A
  - Show the Interstate Milk Shipper listed plant and product codes
- In addition to above, the label should meet all other requirements (ingredients, use by date, container size, etc.)

Raw Milk Products (unpasteurized)

- Certified raw milk products may be sold solely to a hauler of milk or to a processing facility which is permitted or regulated by the State (NRS 584.209)
Raw Milk Pet Product

- Raw milk products may not be sold for animal consumption without meeting labeling and coloring requirements.
- Also, must be registered through the NDA Commercial Feed Program.

Cheese wheels no Labeling
Unauthorized Re-Packaging

Locally Produced Products
Foreign Products (Iran)

Foreign Products (Russia)
Foreign Products (Russia)

“New” Products

Is it really a dairy product?
Collaboration with local health agencies

- Notify the NDA when no distributor license or permit held.
- Send the NDA pictures of questionable dairy products.
- Call or email the NDA if you aren’t sure about something you find in the field.

Thank You

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