



## NON-QUALIFYING MILK POLICY

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It is the responsibility of every producer to ensure that milk made available for pick-up meets the provincial guidelines.

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#### **No penalty applicable:**

A person who transfers milk from a farm holding tank to a tank truck shall leave the milk in the farm holding tank where, in his or her opinion, that milk

- Is found to be adulterated, contaminated, is abnormal in odour, contains excessive sediment, objectionable matter or physical defects of any kind, or is not consistent with good quality milk; and
- Would, if transferred into the tank truck, be of detriment to the milk in the tank truck or to subsequent transfers of other milk into the tank truck
- Exceeds 4 degrees Celsius
- Is un-measurable. Volume cannot be determined as milk does not reach the farm holding tank stick
- Contains foreign objects
- Milk taken from cattle within three weeks before parturition, or during the first three days after, shall be deemed to be unsanitary or of abnormal composition and shall not be sold or offered for sale

#### **Penalty applicable:**

- Includes all milk found to contain the presence of inhibitors/antibiotics. This includes milk rejected at a processor, milk found positive during official week regardless if the corresponding load of milk was rejected at a processor or not and any milk found to contain any of all 8 drug families during random testing.

### Milk Containing Inhibitor/Antibiotics:

A producer whose milk has been found to contain veterinary drug residues or inhibitory substance residues is not permitted to sell or supply milk until a subsequent bulk milk sample taken from the farm bulk tank tests negative. Following a positive test result:

- Shipments are immediately suspended for the offending producer
- A producer is required to test their milk and provide a negative result to the BCMMB before shipping can resume
- It is the producer's responsibility to inform the BCMMB to resume pick up
- The BCMMB will test a sample from the first pick up following an infraction; a positive test result will be considered a subsequent infraction and the producers shipments will be suspended until a negative test result is reported

This process is repeated until the BCMMB's test result is negative for drug residue

### Delaying Milk Pick Up

If a producer delays his regular milk pick up time to have his milk tested any additional charges to the BCMMB for this delay will be passed directly on to the applicable producer.

British Columbia Milk Marketing Board  
Inhibitor/Antibiotics Penalty System  
is based on a rolling 12-month period

All fines, penalties and expenses are collected by the BCMMB through a deduction from the producer's next payment.

First Infraction - \$20.00 per hectoliter penalty on the volume of milk shipped

Second Infraction - \$60.00 per hectoliter penalty on the volume of milk shipped

A penalty is based on the total volume of milk shipped that day regardless if milk is split between more than one trailer or compartment and one or more trailers or compartments is not rejected by the processor.

All logistical and testing costs incurred including but not limited to the following:

- ✓ 100% of the disposal costs including direct disposal costs as well as any after-hours or overtime fees and any and all other charges that are incurred as a result of disposing non-qualifying milk
- ✓ Confirmation test costs
- ✓ Courier charges incurred transporting samples
- ✓ Trailer washing charges



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