Proposed Updates to Regulation 61-34.1

Winter Forum - 2021

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

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Agenda

• Why Regulation 61-34.1 is being updated
• Process of updating the regulation
• The need to update the regulation to be harmonized with the FDA 2019 Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO)
• Updating permitting and enforcement sections to align with other DHEC food safety regulations
• Q & A
• Additional Forums + Meetings
Regulation Review Process

• Step #1 – Initial staff regulatory revision meetings
• Step #2 – Outreach to industry and the public
• Step #3 – Incorporate industry and public feedback into revision
• Step #4 – Present to DHEC Board for the first approval
• Step #5 – Open public comment period and make any needed amendments based on comments (current step)
• Step #6 - Present to DHEC Board for final approval after public hearing
• Step #7 – Present to the Legislature
The revision is based upon:

- Current provisions of R.61-34.1
- Our comparison of this regulation to the PMO
- The feedback we received from you during our inspections concerning modifications & clarifications needed in the current regulation
Revision highlights

• Updated the current regulation to change from referencing the 2013 PMO to the 2019 PMO
  • This allows for the continuation of interstate commence of Grade “A” dairy products produced in SC
• Clarified that non-IMS plants do not have to comply with the requirement for Preventive Controls training
• Clarified the requirements for potable water supplies for dairy farms
• Updated permitting and administrative provisions to be consistent with other DHEC food safety regulations
Nothing is Set in Stone

We still need your input today to help us finalize the draft of this revision!

However, for any additional changes to be made based on comments during the comment period, you must submit those comments in writing (emails are acceptable) by February 22nd.

By working together, we can ensure a safe, food-friendly environment for all of South Carolina.
Comments and Next Steps

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• To be considered, the Department must receive the comment(s) by 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2021, the close of the comment period.
• Public hearing and DHEC board meeting will be held on March 11, 2021
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