901:11-2-23 Protection and transport of raw milk and cream.

(A) Equipment and facilities:

- (1) Milk cans used in transporting milk from the dairy farm to the plant shall meet the requirements of utensils and equipment as specified in rule 901:11-2-15 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) New farm bulk tanks shall meet the 3-A sanitary standards for construction and shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the director.

(B) Transporting milk or cream:

- (1) Vehicles used for the transportation of can milk or cream shall be of the enclosed type, constructed and operated to protect the product from extreme temperature, dust, or other adverse conditions, and they shall be kept clean. Cans, or bulk tanks on vehicles, used for the transportation of milk from the farm to the plant shall not be used for any other purpose.
- (2) The exterior shell of transfer tanks shall be clean and free from open seams or cracks which would permit liquid to enter the jacket. The interior shell shall consist of stainless steel and constructed that it will not buckle, sag, or prevent complete drainage. All product contact surfaces shall be smooth, easily cleaned, and maintained in good repair. The pump and hose cabinet shall be fully enclosed with tight-fitting doors and the inlet and outlet shall be provided with dust covers to provide adequate protection from road dust. New and replacement transport tanks shall meet the 3-A sanitary standards for milk transport tanks.
- (C) Enclosed or covered facilities shall be available for cleaning and sanitizing of transport tanks, piping and accessories, at central locations or at all plants that receive or ship milk or dairy products in transport tanks.
- (D) Transfer of milk to transport tanks shall be transferred under sanitary conditions from farm bulk tanks through stainless steel piping or approved tubing. The ends of the sanitary piping and tubing shall be capped when not in use.

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