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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

I, D. N. McDowell, Secretary of Agriculture, and custodian of the official records of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the annexed rules relating to detection and control of bovine mastitis, being section Ag 10.35 of rules relating to animal health, Wis. Adm. Code ch. Ag 10, were duly issued by this department on September 1, 1967.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at Madison, Wisconsin, this 1st day of September, 1967.


Secretary of Agriculture

Docket No. 768.

ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ADOPTING RULES

Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Agriculture by sections 93.07 (1) and (10), chapter 95 and section 97.37, Wis. Stats., the Department of Agriculture hereby adopts rules as follows:

Section Ag 10.35 of the Wisconsin administrative code is adopted to read:

Ag 10.35 Bovine mastitis; detection and control. (1) Screening tests. Screening tests for the detection and control of bovine mastitis shall be conducted by the department on milk from all dairy herds every 4 months or as often as the department considers necessary. Any test approved by the department for the testing of milk for mastitis may be used. Test results shall be reported to herd owners on all screening tests conducted on milk from their herds.

(2) Farm inspections; test procedures. Whenever 2 or more successive screening tests of milk from the same herd indicate the presence of mastitis, or other evidence of mastitis exists within the herd, a farm inspection may be made and all lactating animals in the herd examined by a department approved veterinarian. If clinical evidence of mastitis is found within the herd, a notice shall be issued advising the herd owner which animals are infected and that the sale of milk from infected animals is prohibited. If on any subsequent screening test continued evidence of mastitis

is found, an official herd sample shall be taken of all milk in bulk tanks or cans on the farm premises and subjected to bacteriological and microscopic examination to determine whether the milk is insanitary and adulterated under subsection (3). Holding orders may be issued on the milk pending laboratory examination.

(3) Test standards; determination of adulteration. Milk from any herd disclosing clinical evidence of mastitis in one or more cows on examination by a department approved veterinarian and containing in excess of 1,000,000 cells per ml. by direct cell count and pathogenic micro-organisms capable of producing mastitis, is milk from sick or diseased animals and is insanitary and adulterated under section 97.36, Wis. Stats. No milk shall be sold for human consumption or delivered to dairy plants in violation of this section. Milk which is found to be insanitary and adulterated shall be rejected as prescribed in Wis. Adm. Code sections Ag 30.05 and Ag 80.07.

(4) Control procedures; exclusion of milk. The department may investigate causes of mastitis in infected herds and in cooperation with the herd owner's veterinarian suggest methods of control. If corrective action is not taken by the herd owner and subsequent tests indicate that milk from the herd is insanitary and adulterated under subsection (3), the department may by order prohibit the further sale or delivery of milk from such herd until: (a) the herd owner follows a mastitis control program prescribed by his veterinarian or approved by the department, and (b) the incidence of mastitis in the herd has been eliminated or substantially reduced as determined by a direct cell count of herd milk disclosing less than 750,000 cells per ml. As an additional control

measure, the department may quarantine individual animals or an entire herd as necessary. A herd owner may petition the department for a hearing under such order or quarantine in the manner prescribed by section Ag 10.10 (1).

(5) Notice to dairy plants. Copies of all notices and orders shall be furnished to the dairy plant receiving the milk. No dairy plant operator with notice of a department order prohibiting the sale or delivery of milk from an infected herd shall accept any milk from that herd while the order is in effect.

The rules contained herein shall take effect as provided in section 227.026, Wis. Stats.

Dated: September 1, 1967.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

/s/ D. N. McDowell

Secretary of Agriculture