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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 450

June 20, 1995 – Introduced by Representative Albers. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

AN ACT *to create* 95.60 of the statutes; **relating to:** testing cow's milk before certain auctions and providing notice concerning the test results.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

With certain exceptions, this bill requires a person selling a dairy cow at auction to have one of 2 specified tests conducted on the cow's milk before the auction. If the test indicates a somatic cell count of 1,000,000 or more per milliliter, the person must so inform the auctioneer. If the auctioneer is informed of such a test result, he or she must announce the test result immediately before selling the cow. These requirements do not apply to the sale of a dairy cow at a livestock market or by a livestock dealer.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 95.60 of the statutes is created to read:

95.60 Testing milk before certain auctions. (1) Except as provided in sub. (3), a person who owns a dairy cow that is producing milk may not sell the dairy cow at auction unless one of the following applies:

(a) Within 24 hours before the auction a veterinarian has performed a separate California mastitis test on a sample of milk from each of the dairy cow's teats and, if any of the samples produces a positive reaction indicating a somatic cell count of

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1,000,000 or more per milliliter, the person informs the auctioneer of the results of
the test before the auction.
(b) No earlier than the 10th day before the day of the auction a dairy herd
improvement association (DHIA) test has been performed on the dairy cow's milk
and, if the test indicates a somatic cell count of 1,000,000 or more per milliliter, the
person informs the auctioneer of the results of the test before the auction.
(2) An auctioneer who is informed of the results of a test under sub. (1) (a) or
(b) shall announce the results of the test immediately before selling the dairy cow.
(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to the sale of a dairy cow at a livestock market,

as defined in s. 95.68 (1) (e) or by a livestock dealer, as defined in s. 95.69 (1) (c).

(END)