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TO: Milk Dealers, Producer-Dealers and Milk Sub-Dealers
FROM: Julie-Marie Bickford, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Application for Maine Milk Commission License for 2024

The State of Maine requires a valid milk license for any dealer who purchases milk from producers or others for sale, or a dealer or sub-dealer who processes, distributes, sells or offers to sell milk in any market in the State of Maine. (“A retailer may not sell or offer to sell milk in any market in the State that the retailer has purchased in Maine from an unlicensed dealer.” *MRS Title 7, Part 7, Chapter 603, Section 2955*)

Applications are being accepted for a milk license for calendar year 2024. Please return the attached form, along with the \$1.00 license fee as required. Please make checks out to the Maine Milk Commission and send to the address listed above.

The following statutory definitions explain who is required to be licensed.

A **dealer** is defined as “any person who purchases or receives milk for sale as the consignee or agent of a producer, or handles for sale, shipment, storage or processing within the State and shall include a producer-dealer and a sub-dealer, but shall not include a store other than an integrated operation.”

An **integrated operation** is defined as “a person who is a dealer and who also sells at retail the milk that the person handles for sale, shipment, storage or processing within the State.” (Further definition can be found at *MRS Title 7, Part 7, Chapter 603, Section 2954-C.*)

A **producer** is any person who produces milk and sells such milk only to dealers.

A **producer-dealer** is defined as "a dealer who produces a part or all of the dealer's milk or a person who produces milk and sells to a grocery store or dairy products store or similar commercial establishment.”

A **sub-dealer** means “any person who does not process milk and who purchases milk from a dealer and sells such milk in the same containers in which the person purchased it, but does not include a store.”

A **store** is defined as “a grocery store, dairy product store, canteen, milk vending machine operator, milk dispensing operator or any similar commercial establishment or outlet or any other sale where milk is sold to consumers for consumption off the premises where sold.” (*MRS Title 7, Part 7, Chapter 603, Section 2951*)

All licensees are required to file reports and pay fees in the amount of \$.05/cwt (hundredweight – or 100 lbs) based on quantity of milk purchased or produced in the state no later than the 20th of each month. Licensees selling less than 100 quarts of milk per day can contact the office to set up quarterly payments, but are still required to file monthly reports.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Gauthier in our office at 207-287-3221.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/milkcommission/index.shtml>