

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law defines "raw milk" in existing law (R.S. 3:1391) as the lacteal secretion from any species other than humans, that has not been pasteurized in accordance with the processes recognized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Existing law defines "registrant" as the person registering a feed with the Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission (commission).

Existing law defines "ruminant" to include any mammal of the suborder Ruminantia, which includes but is not limited to cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, deer, elk, and antelopes.

Existing law defines "ton" as the net weight of 2,000 lbs. avoirdupois.

Existing law defines "value of protein deficiency" as the value of the crude protein as set by the state chemist times the difference between the guaranteed protein analysis and the actual protein analysis of the feed sample.

New law requires labeling of raw milk as commercial feed to contain the following warning: "WARNING: NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION - THIS PRODUCT HAS NOT BEEN PASTEURIZED AND MAY CONTAIN HARMFUL BACTERIA". Further requires this statement be displayed in a conspicuous manner and specifies it cannot be smaller than the height of the minimum form required by the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. Additionally, requires that the words, "Raw (Blank) Milk" appear conspicuously on the principal display panel of the raw milk packaging.

New law authorizes the commission to adopt by regulation the labeling requirements adopted by the Assoc. of American Feed Control Officials.

New law requires raw milk testing for salmonella to be done once per month at an accredited laboratory. Further requires a producer of raw milk to provide the test results upon request of the commission or a customer. Additionally, requires the producer to keep the test results for at least two years after testing.

New law authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to temporarily suspend the sale, distribution, or movement of raw milk from a producer whose raw milk causes an outbreak of a contagious or infectious disease. Further authorizes the Senate and House committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to conduct an oversight review to override the commissioner's temporary suspension.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 3:1391(23)-(26); Adds R.S. 3:1391(27), 1394(A)(14), 1398.1, and 1399(D))