

Wisconsin Dairy Services Fact Sheet



Emergency Bulk Milk Tanker Transfers

In the event of an emergency, such as a traffic accident or vehicle breakdown, you may need to transfer milk from one bulk milk tanker to another.

What do I need to look for to determine if I can transfer the milk?

You must check that the following conditions exist in order to be able to transfer the milk:

- The bulk tank is not damaged.
- The manhole cover or cap is intact.
- The outlet valve is functional and can be sanitized prior to transfer.
- A food grade hose is available to make a sanitary transfer.
- The transfer can be completed in a sanitary manner.

What conditions would not allow the transfer of milk?

If any of the following conditions exist, you **cannot** transfer the milk for human food use:

- The internal wall of the bulk tank is creased, punctured, or ruptured.
- The manhole cover or cap opened during the accident.
- The outlet valve was damaged or is not accessible.
- Inappropriate equipment (such as non-food grade) is only available for the transfer.
- The transfer cannot be completed in a sanitary manner.

What happens to the producer samples?

If you are able to transfer the milk, any producer samples must be transferred to the replacement

driver for delivery to the receiving plant. If samples spilled or were damaged in the accident, notify the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) emergency response program (contact info below).

Where do I deliver the transferred milk?

Once transferred, the milk loses its Grade A status and must either go to a dairy plant that can process Grade B product or be disposed of.

Why can't the milk go to a Grade A dairy plant?

If a Grade A dairy plant accepts milk from a transfer due to an accident or rollover, the plant will lose its Interstate Milk Shipper (IMS) listing. Losing this status means the dairy plant will not be able to sell the milk as Grade A or products for sale outside of Wisconsin.

Who do I need to notify?

You must report all accidents and rollovers to the following:

- DATCP's emergency response program:
 - Phone: (608) 224-4714
 - Email: datcpfoodcomplaintsemergencyresponse@wi.gov
- Department of Natural Resources spill response hotline at (800) 943-0003 – if milk is spilling from the bulk tank to the ground.
- The receiving dairy plant's quality assurance manager and confirm if the product can be received.

How do I document the accident?

You must document the accident by providing the following information:

- Copies of load manifests and the bill of lading being delivered to final destination.
- Copies of any weight tickets from delivery of the milk.
- Any photos of the accident and product transfer.

Submit this information to the receiving plant's quality assurance manager and DATCP's emergency response program.

Where can I find more information?

This fact sheet, other dairy producer resources, and state laws for this topic are available at the following:

- DATCP's milk producer resources
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/MilkProducers.aspx
- Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 82.14 – Delivering milk to dairy plant
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/administrativecode/ATCP%2082.14>



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