



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 603

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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ARCHIVES DIVISION SECRETARY OF STATE

FILING CAPTION: Adopts 2025 revision of the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO)

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 09/30/2026 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 09/15/2026

TIME: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

OFFICER: Sunny Summers

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

The Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) is a national set of standards for Grade A dairy production and processing. In

order for Oregon industry to participate in interstate commerce for Grade A dairy products, the state must adopt the PMO as a baseline regulatory framework. This rule will help ensure that Oregon industry can continue to produce safe products that can be moved across state lines.

The administrative rules must be amended to keep Oregon Administrative Rules consistent with current federal/state programs and safety standards to ensure uniform and safe regulation of shellfish.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

- Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), 2025 Revision
- Methods for Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers and the Certifications/Listings of Single-Service Containers and/or Closures for Milk and/or Milk Product Manufactures (MMSR), 2025 Revision
- Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, 2025 Revision
- Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML), 2025 Revision

Available at: <https://ncims.org/ncims-documents/>

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE:

The proposed adoption of the 2025 PMO and related documents is not expected to significantly impact racial and ethnic communities historically marginalized or oppressed. While there may be minimal impact to the dairy industry, any potential harm to individuals within these communities due to added compliance requirements and associated costs is expected to also be minimal.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Because these rules must be amended to keep Oregon Administrative Rules consistent with current federal/state programs and safety standards to ensure uniform and safe regulation of shellfish, the fiscal and economic impact is expected to be minimal.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s):

We expect minimal impact to state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public because the industry is already following the 2023 revision of the PMO, and there are no substantially burdensome requirements within the new 2025 revision.

(2) Effect on small businesses: (a) estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(a)

Around 1,122 Dairy licenses which includes small business, that are subjected to the adoption of the 2025 PMO.

(b)

Costs of reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities to comply with the rule should be also minimal because the industry is already following the 2023 revision of the PMO, and there are no substantially burdensome requirements within the new 2025 revision.

(c)

Cost of professional services, equipment supplies, and labor should remain the same because there are no substantially burdensome requirements within the new 2025 PMO revision. No increased administration is required to comply with the new rule because industry is already following the 2023 revision of the PMO, and there are no substantially burdensome requirements within the new 2025 revision.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses are allowed and requested to participate in the development of the PMO. The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association (ODFA) and Oregon Dairy Industries (ODI) provided input on behalf of their members as well.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

No. There are no substantial changes to ODA regulations. The PMO is a mandatory requirement that Oregon must adopt for the state industry to participate in interstate commerce. The proposed amendment reflects federal standards and practices that are not dissimilar to regulations that are currently enforced in Oregon. A formal advisory committee was not formed, but the proposed changes were discussed with Oregon industry.

AMEND: 603-024-0211

RULE SUMMARY: This rule proposal updates Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) to reference the 2025 Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and its accompanying documents. This adoption shall also include the following related documents: (1) 2025 Revision of the Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings (MMSR); (2) 2025 Revision of Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments; and (3) The 2025 Revision of the Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML). The PMO outlines the federally mandated minimum requirements for Grade A milk production and processing. It is released on a biennial basis after amendments and standards are recommended through the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS). State and local regulatory officials make the recommendations and vote. Non-voting representatives from industry, academia, and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also participate in the NCIMS. After the NCIMS, the FDA accepts or rejects the proposed changes before releasing a new PMO. States then can adopt the PMO. For Oregon's dairy industry to participate in the interstate commerce of Grade A dairy products, the PMO must be adopted as a minimum. This rule will help to ensure that Oregon's dairy industry will be able to continue interstate activities.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-024-0211

Adoption of the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and Related Documents ¶¶

On all dairy farms, plants, and transport tankers, the standards for building construction, equipment construction, sanitation, sampling, pasteurization, transportation and handling of milk and dairy products shall be those given in the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), 2023~~35~~ Revision. This adoption shall also include the following related documents:¶¶

(1) 2023~~35~~ Revision of the Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings (MMSR);¶¶

(2) ~~2023~~²⁵ Revision of Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments; and¶

(3) The ~~2023~~²⁵ Revision of the Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML).¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561, 621

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 621.058