

New DFSV licence conditions – control of raw milk sales

In response to ongoing concerns about the consumption of raw milk marketed as cosmetic products, DFSV is implementing a new licence condition for all dairy industry licences to ensure that these cosmetic milk products are clearly differentiated from dairy food.

The following new condition is an addition to current licence conditions:

(k) Ensure that milk or any milk product which is sold, delivered or supplied by the licence holder other than:

- (i) for human consumption; or*
- (ii) to another holder of a licence under the Dairy Act 2000,*

is treated in a manner approved by Dairy Food Safety Victoria so as to deter human consumption and such that the milk could not reasonably be mistaken as for human consumption.

All current licence holders will receive a letter in mid-January advising them that this new condition takes effect for them on 1 February 2015. The condition will apply to new licensees on approval of their licence.

Any licence holder that intends to sell, deliver or supply milk or milk products not intended for human consumption is required to advise DFSV of this intention and obtain DFSV's approval of the proposed treatment of these products to meet the licence condition. If a licence holder intends to supply raw milk to a manufacturer other than a licenced dairy food manufacturer they will be required to demonstrate how they will ensure that products made from that milk will meet the condition.

A breach of licence condition may result in cancellation of the dairy licence and a person operating a dairy business without a licence could be fined up to approximately \$18,000. A dairy business in Victoria includes any farm that milks cows, sheep, goats or buffalo for sale and is not limited to milking these animals for human consumption.

Any licence holder with queries with respect to this new licence condition should contact a DFSV food safety manager directly.

It is important to remember that in Australia, under the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code, the sale of unpasteurised (raw) cow's milk for human consumption is illegal. The use of raw milk in the production of some cheeses as permitted under the Food Standards Code is not affected by the above condition.

Any person, who in Victoria sells, delivers or provides dairy food for human consumption which has not been treated as required by the DFSV Code of Practice is liable for a fine of up to approximately \$59,000.

For further information, see the DFSV information note on the [risks of consuming raw milk](#) and the [Better Health Channel](#).