

## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

Pursuant to section 227.112 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is hereby accepting comments on the proposed guidance document:

### **Reminder about Milking Equipment Requirements: Pipeline Fittings**

#### **LOCATION OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE**

Proposed guidance document may be reviewed by accessing:

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About\\_Us/GuidanceDocuments.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/GuidanceDocuments.aspx)

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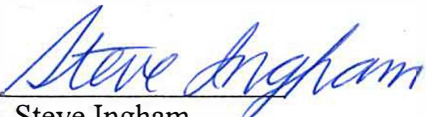
The comment period will run no fewer than 21 days after the publication of this document in the Administrative Register.

#### **AGENCY PUBLICATION**

The attached guidance document contains statements or interpretations of law under the following applicable provisions of federal law or the applicable state statutory or administrative code provisions: Wis. Stat. ch. 97.22, Wis. Admin. Code, ch. 65.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I have reviewed the attached guidance document or proposed guidance document and I certify that it complies with sections 227.10 and 227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is not explicitly required or explicitly permitted by a statute or a rule that has been lawfully promulgated. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is more restrictive than a standard, requirement, or threshold contained in the Wisconsin Statutes.



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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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To: Milk Equipment Installers; Dairy Plant Field Representatives

## Reminder about Milking Equipment Requirements: Pipeline Fittings

On January 1, 2001, recessless or rolled-on ferrules were no longer accepted for milking pipeline installations.

State law [Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 65.14(1)] requires that milking and a milk handling system shall comply with 3-A Accepted Practices for the Design, Fabrication and Installation of Milking and Milk Handling Equipment, No. 606-05. This practice states that all product and solution contact surfaces shall be free of imperfections such as pits, folds, and crevices. Recessless or rolled-on fittings are **only** acceptable for temporarily modifying or repairing existing onsite farm milk handling systems with fittings installed with no cracks or crevices. The temporary modifications or repairs must be replaced with a proper sanitary fitting as soon as practical.

All stainless steel pipeline fittings must be continuously welded in accordance with 3-A Sanitary Standard 63-03 for Sanitary Fittings. A properly installed stainless steel butt-welded fitting is the only current sanitary method for milk pipeline construction. The photos to the right show an example of a butt weld fitting properly installed on sanitary piping.

The practice of face welding a rolled on ferrule or the use of a quick weld ferrule (socket ferrules) are not acceptable alternatives and are not considered to be of sanitary design.

Examples of a butt weld fitting properly installed on sanitary piping:



The *Division of Food and Recreational Safety Update* is a source of program policy information administered by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

For questions, contact your Dairy Technical Specialist.

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