ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

Frozen Dessert, Dairy, and Dairy Products
Processing and Manufacturing at
Restaurants and Kitchens
A.R.S. § 3-601 et seq. and R3-2-801 et seq.

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1. BACKGROUND

Milk distributing plants, manufacturing milk processing plants, and frozen dessert manufacturing plants are required to be licensed with the Department, and must follow the Grade A pasteurized milk ordinance and other state and federal regulations, under Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 3-601, et seq. and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R3-2-801, et seq. (collectively, the "Milk Plant Requirements").

2. POLICY

Unless the Department receives a complaint of non-compliance, the Department will not enforce the Milk Plant Requirements in restaurants and kitchens that:

- Are licensed with the Health Department within their jurisdiction.
- Use only Grade A pasteurized milk or pasteurized milk-based products as an ingredient for the dairy product manufactured.
- Manufacture and sell the product at the same food establishment for consumption on the premises; or retail the product off site directly to the final consumer, provided that the off-site sale is made by a "small business," defined in A.R.S. § 41-1001(23) as "a concern, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated, which is not dominant in its field and which employs fewer than one hundred full-time employees or which had gross annual receipts of less than four million dollars in its last fiscal year."
- Do not offer at wholesale the product manufactured at the restaurant or kitchen.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Substantive Policy Statement is effective as of the date indicated above.