



FDA Flexibility Request

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COVID-19

Mid March 2020

Restricted in-state business travel to those services deemed essential

Emergency Response activities

Pasteurizer timing and sealing

Pasteurizer re-sealing



INITIAL FLEXIBILITY REQUEST - MARCH

Regulatory

Quarterly Plant inspections from March 18 – May 15, 2020 may be missed

Farm inspections March 18 – May 15, 2020 up to 60 days late

Required Product sampling for April and May missed



INITIAL FLEXIBILITY REQUEST – MARCH

Survey

Lab surveys March 18 – May 15, 2020 up to 60 days late

BTU, Receiving Station, Transfer Station, Milk Plants, and Single Service Plants
March 18 – May 15, 2020 up to 60 days late



AMENDED REQUEST - MAY

Regulatory

Quarterly Plant inspections March 18 – June 30, 2020 May be missed

Issue temporary permits for change of ownership for up to 40 days

Farm inspections March 18 – June 30, 2020 up to 120 days late

Required Product sampling for April and May missed



AMENDED REQUEST – MAY

Survey

Lab surveys March 18 – May 15, 2020 up to 90 days late

2 labs due between May 15 – June 1, 2020 up to 60 days late

BTU, Receiving Station, Transfer Station, Milk Plants, and Single Service Plants

March 18 – May 15, 2020 up to 90 days late

Facilities due between May 15 – June 1, 2020 up to 30 days late



AMENDED REQUEST – MAY

Tankers

850 tanker inspections due dates

Delayed from April 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020



RETURN TO THE FIELD – JUNE 2020

With the staff returning to the field, they worked hard to get caught up. This meant that A LOT of farm inspections were done in June and July. This would mean that we would have a heavy workload in June and July in 2021.

Therefore, we are re-categorizing in a different manner and may do some inspections early to re-balance workload.



AMENDED REQUEST – OCTOBER

Isolated increase in cases in 2 counties

Stopped activities in those 2 counties



AMENDED REQUEST – DECEMBER

Isolated facility and staff outbreaks affecting facilities in 11 counties

Flexibility on dues dates for:

Farm Inspections

Dairy Plant Inspections

Product Sampling

Appendix N surveillance





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