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Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:52 PM
To: Berkes, Andrea HLTH:EX
Cc: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Subject: Can we ask Lynn Wilcott to review this response?

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Subject: FW: Response from Lynn Wilcott

Below is Lynn Wilcott's response to s.22 inquiry.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Berkes, Andrea HLTH:EX
Cc: XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom; Hart, Drew; Shyng, Sion
Subject: RE: Request from Perry Kendall

Hi Andrea.

Yes, my understanding is that Dr. Kendall's response below is correct from a legal viewpoint.

One other thing that I'd recommend him mentioning is something about raw milk being a health hazard- and the risk of illness if consumed, how to reduce the risk, etc..

Perhaps add the following sentences (I've put in red):

".....as per your questions 1, 2 and 3. However, saying that, raw milk is considered a health hazard as it may contain disease causing bacteria. Consumption of raw milk can lead to serious illnesses such as listeriosis, salmonellosis, and other serious conditions particularly for the very young, pregnant woman, the elderly, and people with compromised immune systems. For this reason, we advise people to only consume commercially pasteurized milk and to not consume raw milk. However, if you still wish to consume the milk from your cow, you can reduce your risk of illness by following the double boiler method for home pasteurization outlined on the HealthLinkBC fact sheet "Pasteurized and Raw Milk" located at <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile03.stm>

Sincerely, etc.....

Hope that helps.

Lynn

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Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:42 PM
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Cc: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Protocol for Legal Sale of Fresh Unpasteurized Milk within the Supply Management System | National Farmers Union

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> On Feb 26, 2015, at 3:01 PM, Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX <Perry.Kendall@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> within the Supply Management System | National Farmers Union
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> Just reading this quickly, and wondering out loud, if we could
> transfer this file to AGRi and they could promote it as supporting
> local small farms, and they regulate this as "on farm" food safety
> program - not for public distribution or sale; and we write a simple
> exemption from our regulation if they are within AGRi's program it does
> not contravene the PHA raw milk regulation
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> Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:21 PM
> To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
> Subject: Protocol for Legal Sale of Fresh Unpasteurized Milk within
> the Supply Management System | National Farmers Union
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> <http://www.nfu.ca/story/protocol-legal-sale-fresh-unpasteurized-milk-w>
> ithin-supply-management-system

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From: Paton, Arlene HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Cc: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: On August 14, 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada refused leave to appeal the farmer's case.

Hmm, this decision doesn't seem to have helped our case in the Fraser Valley. Will ask Tim to investigate further...

Regards,

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Subject: On August 14, 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada refused leave to appeal the farmer's case.

Got (Unpasteurized) Milk? Cow-share program illegal under Health Protection and Promotion Act

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 11:27 AM
To: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX; Paton, Arlene HLTH:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: newspaper law and milk

http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2014/08/14/supreme_court_of_canada_wont_hear_appeal_from_ontario_raw_milk_farmer.html

so this is going to be the new situation to deal with – moving away from cow share to “farm shares”:

Schmidt has since changed the structure of his business, **getting his approximately 150 customers to buy part ownership in the farm, rather than just the cows**. The government has — so far — not prosecuted him in regards to his new operation, he said.

From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
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Subject: newspaper law and milk

Hi Folks

http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2014/03/11/ontario_raw_milk_crusader_michael_schmidt_loses_conviction_appeal.html

Ontario does not ban the consumption of raw milk and farmers are allowed to drink the milk produced by their own cows. However, the sale of unprocessed milk is banned on the grounds that it poses a significant risk to public health.

In its ruling, the Appeal Court said Schmidt's method of allowing consumers to buy an ownership interest in a dairy cow was little more than a way to circumvent the rules.

“The cow-share arrangement is nothing more than a marketing and distribution scheme that is offered to the public at large,” the court said in its unanimous ruling.

“There is no merit in the appellant’s contention that he is not engaged in the sale, delivery and distribution of unpasteurized milk and milk products contrary to (health-protection laws).”

Tim

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Cc: Shyng, Sion; McIntyre, Lorraine; Kovacevic, Jovana; Spock, Terry; XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom; Hart, Drew; XT:Taylor, Marsha HLTH:IN; Wilcott, Lynn
Subject: Written Prohibition Notice to Jerseyland Organics
Attachments: w3156 - Jerseyland Raw Milk.pdf

Hello all.

Here is the finished written prohibition notice to be hand delivered shortly to Jerseyland Organics by IHA staff (thank you IHA).

To all of you- thank you for your cooperation, assistance and input into this situation

Hopefully this will address it in a fashion that works for us.

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Thanks again.

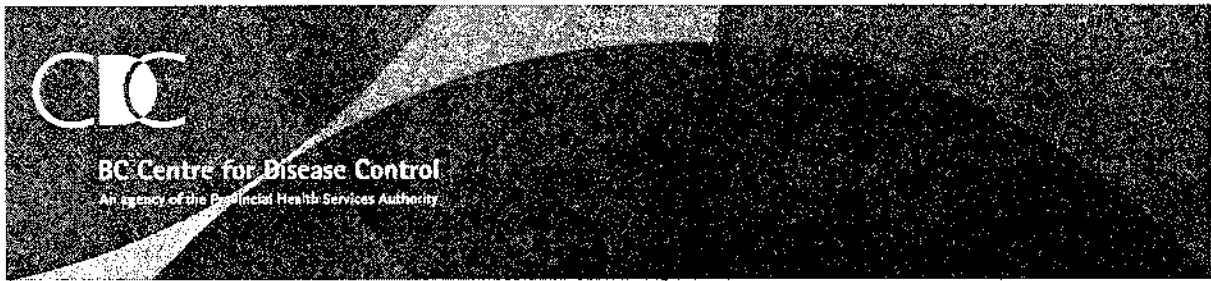
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May 6, 2015

Mr. Jeremy Devries
Plant Manager
Jerseyland Organics
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Dear Mr. Jeremy Devries:

RE: Written Prohibition Notice to Cease and Desist Packaging and Distribution of Raw Milk

On April 27, 2015, the following events were observed by Mr. Roger Pannett, Dairy Farm Inspector, BC Ministry of Agriculture, during an unannounced inspection of your dairy farm:

- In the milk house, a processor staff member was observed filling unlabelled plastic bottles (2L size) with raw milk directly from the bulk milk tank.
- Approximately 126 2L bottles were filled and capped. The 2L bottles were then placed into 14 plastic dairy cases, some documented as being, 'Property of Blackwell Dairy.'
- The plastic dairy cases containing the packaged milk were subsequently loaded onto an uncovered white GMC pickup truck.
- The loaded truck was subsequently driven off the dairy farm.
- Upon questioning by Roger Pannett, you stated that this milk was for distribution to local family members.
- Upon further questioning by Roger Pannett, you indicated this was a regular, weekly occurrence.
- Roger Pannett then verbally instructed you to cease & desist distributing raw milk from your farm.

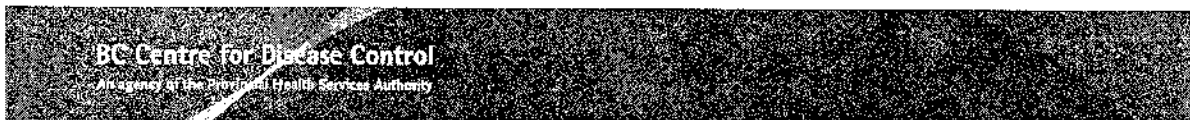
This letter is to communicate to you that raw milk for human consumption is prescribed as a health hazard per Section 2(a) of the *Health Hazard Regulation* under the *British Columbia Public Health Act*, namely:

2 The following are prescribed as health hazards:

- (a) milk for human consumption that has not been pasteurized at a licensed dairy plant in accordance with the *Milk Industry Act*,



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Based on the observations of Mr. Pannett, as well as your subsequent discussion with him, you were packaging raw milk for the purpose of distributing it. This action constitutes causing a health hazard and is in contravention of Section 15 of the *British Columbia Public Health Act*, namely:

15 A person must not willingly cause a health hazard, or act in a manner that the person knows, or ought to know, will cause a health hazard.

Under Section 99(3)(a) of the *British Columbia Public Health Act*, causing a health hazard is considered an offence, namely:

99 (3) A person who contravenes either of the following commits an offence:

(a) section 15 [causes a health hazard];

In addition to the above violations, the packaging of raw milk for the purpose of distributing it is also a violation of Section 6(1) of the *British Columbia Milk Industry Act*, namely:

6 (1) A person must not sell, offer for sale or supply any dairy product unless the dairy product has been pasteurized in accordance with this Act and the regulations.

This letter serves as a written Prohibition Notice to you under Section 21 (1) (a) (i) of the *British Columbia Milk Industry Act*, namely:

21 (1) If an inspector finds

(a) that the premises of any dairy farm, dairy plant, retailer, wholesaler or any vendor's or producer's vehicles are being kept or maintained

(i) contrary to any enactment,

the inspector must give to the owner or person in charge a notice in writing prohibiting him or her from selling, supplying or offering for sale the dairy products.

This written Prohibition Notice orders you to immediately cease and desist the packaging and distribution of raw (unpasteurized) milk from your facility.

Failure to follow the directive of this written Prohibition Notice and the requirements of the *British Columbia Milk Industry Act*, will be considered an offence under Section 37(1) of the *British Columbia Milk Industry Act*, namely:

37 (1) A person who contravenes this Act, any regulation made under it, or any order of the board, commits an offence.

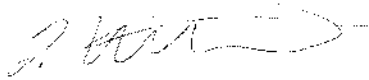
Progressive enforcement actions may follow that could include:

- Fines,
- The suspension or cancellation of your licence to operate.

In addition to the above actions, should you choose to not comply with the Prohibition Notice, information regarding non-compliance will be provided to other regulatory agencies who may consider taking action under their own legislation.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,



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PC: Jane Pritchard, Ministry of Agriculture
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Subject: Final T/C Minutes: Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm
Attachments: 2015_APR30_Illegal_Raw_Milk_TC_Minutes_Final.pdf

Hi,

Thank you for your feedback and edits. I have attached the final version of the teleconference minutes for your records.

Please note that BCCDC Prohibition Notice will be delivered to the operator this week. You will be receiving a copy of the PN from Lynn Wilcott shortly.

Thank you again for your assistance on this multi-jurisdictional issue.

Regards,
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Sion Shyng

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Subject: For Review: Draft T/C Minutes - Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm

Hi There,

Thanks again for your time on the call yesterday. Please have a look at the draft minutes and provide your comments to me by end of day on Tues, May 5th. I will then send out the final version shortly afterwards.

Please note that you should also have received a copy of the draft prohibition notice by Lynn Wilcott (this was send out a few minutes ago).

Have a great weekend.

Sion

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Subject: Please Read: Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm - Shipper 53-048 / Jerseyland Organics . 2690 Almond Garden Road, Grand Forks . BC. V0H 1H0

Importance: High

Hi All,

RE: Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm in Grand Forks

Our office was informed this week of alleged illegal distribution of raw milk occurring at a licensed dairy farm, Shipper 53-048, 2690 Almond Garden Road, Grand Forks, BC. This location is also the site of Jerseyland Organics, a provincially licensed and federally registered dairy plant.

Based on our assumption that the milk is not for personal consumption, the distribution of raw milk is in contravention of the *Milk Industry Act*. Furthermore, the sale and distribution of unpasteurized milk is illegal in British Columbia, as milk that has not been pasteurized is considered a health hazard and is prohibited by the *Public Health Act* [SBC 2008].

Observations were made by MAgri during the April 27/15 farm inspection (partial summary):

- During the inspection of the milk room (farm side), 2 workers were observed filling milk (raw) from the surge bulk tank into unlabelled plastic bottles (2L size)
- Approximately 126 bottles (14 cases x 9 bottle/case) were filled
- Later, the cases of milk were loaded onto an uncovered pick up truck for distribution to "local family members".
- This appeared to be a weekly occurrence scheduled on Monday afternoons.
- The Farm Inspector verbally instructed the operator to cease & desist distributing raw milk off the farm

BCCDC would like to convene a **teleconference for April 30 (tomorrow) @ 3:30 pm** to discuss next steps. I will send out the meeting invite and call coordinates later today.

Regards,

Sion

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Illegal Raw Milk Teleconference

April 30, 2015, 3:30 pm

Teleconference

Dial in: s.15

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Attending:

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Sion Shyng (chair)
Lynn Wilcott
Lorraine McIntyre
Jovana Kovacevic
Bernelle Yan (Comms)

MoH

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Terry Oh

IHA

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Woody Siemens

CFIA

Ammar Makhzoum
Pamela Morgan
Matthew Miyagawa
Dan Scherz

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome and Call to Order - Sion

New Items

2. Details of Alleged illegal raw milk distribution

Summary:

BCCDC: BCCDC was informed of alleged illegal raw milk distribution by MAgri. During a routine dairy farm inspection conducted on the afternoon of Monday, April 27, 2015, the Dairy Farm Inspector observed milk [presumed to be raw milk] being packaged into 2L plastic bottle in the milk room. The milk was filled via a hose assembly connected to the surge milk tank located in the milk tanks room [on the farm]. A total of 126 bottles or 252 L of milk (14 dairy cases x 9 bottles/case x 2L/bottle) was packaged, loaded onto the uncovered bed of a white pickup truck, and driven off the farm.

The dairy farm is a licensed shipper with MAgri. There is a dairy plant located on the farm which is provincially licensed by the BCCDC and federally registered by the CFIA.

MAgri: A more detailed account was provided to the group. The inspector did speak with 2 workers that were involved in the packaging of the milk into unlabelled bottles in the milk room. During the course of the inspection, the temperature of the remaining milk in the milk tank was verified to be 1.9°C. At the completion of the inspection, the inspector reviewed the inspection findings with the farm owner including a discussion regarding the movement of milk [presumed raw milk] off the farm. The owner was verbally instructed to "cease and desist" distributing raw milk as it was in contravention of the Act.

3. Proposed Actions by Regulatory Agencies:

Summary:

The group discussed their respective legislation with respect to illegal raw milk distribution. s.15

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BCCDC/MAgri considers milk leaving the bulk milk tank as part of the dairy plant. CFIA inspection of the dairy plant to date has inspected the manufacture of dairy products in the dairy plant building only. These issues will need to be discussed further within each respective agency for guidance.

Based on the assumption that raw milk is being distributed each agency provided an initial regulatory

position.

BCCDC: The distribution of unpasteurized milk is in violation of the *Milk Industry Act* [section 6]. The Act covers the sale, offer for sale or supply of unpasteurized milk.

MAgri: Similar to above, but would defer to Health for further action. A verbal "cease and desist" has been given.

CFIA: CFIA establishment registration under the *Canada Agricultural Products Act* and *Dairy Products Regulations* is limited to the cheese/yogurt processing plant itself and not the dairy farm; however, any food offered for sale, whether from a federally registered establishment or not, falls under the *Food and Drugs Act* and *Regulation*. The distribution of raw milk would be in violation of the *Food & Drugs Act*. An information letter to the operator could be sent if needed. Any enforcement type actions would require consultation with their Enforcement Investigation Services (EIS).

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A letter referencing the provincial injunction on the distribution of raw milk (raw milk deemed a health hazard under the Public Health Act) could be issued when appropriate.

BCMNB: The owner is operating under a cottage industry program, which includes both the farm and dairy plant.

The group discussed if an informational / "warning" letter versus an enforcement type letter would be appropriate. It was agreed that BCCDC should take the lead to draft an informational / warning letter as a follow up to the verbal "cease & desist" given by MAgri.

BCCDC noted that recent enteric illness cases and exposure data for the Grand Forks area did not identify raw milk exposure at this time (personal communication, IHA data from September 2014 to April 29, 2015).

Action(s)	Target Date	Responsible	Status
Lynn to consult with legal and draft letter to operator to cease and desist distribution of raw milk. The draft letter will be circulated to this group for feedback, and to inquire if their agency will co-sign the letter. When finalized, the letter will be hand delivered to the operator, with assistance from IHA.	Next week	BCCDC and group	
4. NEXT MEETING DATE: To be determined after draft letter from BCCDC is completed.			

Berkes, Andrea HLTH:EX

From: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2015 3:24 PM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Cc: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Frattaroli, Angela - GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: IN on raw milk
Attachments: 20150508_IN_Raw milk Jerseyland rev.docx

FYI on this

From: Swan, Carol [<mailto:Carol.Swan@bccdc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; XT:Kennedy, Theresa HLTH:IN; XT:Pritchard, Lesley HLTH:IN; XT:Hadaway, Ben HLTH:IN
Subject: IN on raw milk

Here's the IN on the raw milk.

No plans to issue a health alert at this point. There aren't any reports of illness and milk has a short shelf life. The farmer is being compliant.

Carol

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUE NOTE

May 8, 2015 – Raw Milk Prohibition Notice

BCCDC has been made aware of alleged illegal raw milk distribution at Jerseyland Organics in Grand Forks, BC by the Ministry of Agriculture (MAgri). A prohibition notice to cease and desist packing and distribution of raw milk has been sent to the owner of the dairy operation.

The Provincial Health Services Authority - Communications Department recommends that the following key messages be communicated publicly:

Key Messages:

- During a routine dairy inspection at Jerseyland Organics, a dairy farm inspector with the BC Ministry of Agriculture observed workers filling plastic bottles with what appeared to be raw milk.
- Selling unpasteurized milk, often referred to as raw milk, is illegal in Canada.
- The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), in cooperation with partners in the provincial government, the Interior Health Authority (IHA), BC Milk Marketing Board (BCMMB), and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), are taking this situation seriously.
- A written prohibition notice to cease and desist packing and distributing raw milk has been hand delivered to the owner of the dairy operation.
- It is important for the public to not consume unpasteurized milk.
- The risk of disease from consuming these unpasteurized products is high and can cause serious illness in people, especially young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems.
- There have been cases of illness caused by the consumption of raw milk in B.C., including children who were given raw milk by well-intentioned parents.
- There is no scientific evidence that raw milk produces any measurable health benefits over pasteurized dairy products.

Background:

- During a routine dairy inspection at Jerseyland Organics in Grand Forks, BC, the dairy farm inspector observed two workers filling what is assumed to be raw milk from the raw milk surge bulk tank into approximately 126 unlabelled 2L plastic bottles. Upon questioning, the owner of the dairy operation said the milk was being distributed to local family members.
- After discussion and input from representatives from BCCDC, MAgri, MoH, IHA, BCMMB, and the CFIA, it was decided that a written prohibition notice to cease and desist packing and distribution of raw milk would be sent to the owner of the dairy operation.
- The distribution of unpasteurized milk is in violation of the *BC Milk Industry Act* [section 6], which covers the sale, offer for sale or supply of unpasteurized milk. Distribution of raw milk is also in violation of section 15 the *BC Public Health Act*.
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- It is not confirmed if the recipients of the milk were 'local family members', as originally stated by the owner.
- There are no reports of illness from anyone drinking the raw milk from Jerseyland Organics.

- Unpasteurized milk is consumed directly from the cow, goat or sheep without any process to destroy disease-causing bacteria like *E. coli*, *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*. Several scientific studies have demonstrated that disease-causing bacteria can be present in raw milk- even in dairy animals that appear healthy.
- There is no credible or scientific evidence that raw milk produces any measurable health benefits over pasteurized dairy products:
 - No significant changes have been noted in calcium levels in raw and pasteurized milk;
 - Most vitamins are not affected by pasteurization. Vitamin C is lost in the largest amount, but milk is not a significant source of Vitamin C;
 - Proteins in the milk are generally not affected by pasteurization.
- There is no quality standard for raw milk for consumption in BC as the sale of unpasteurized dairy products is illegal in Canada.
- BC licences and regulates dairy plants that produce pasteurized products. Dairy plants are regularly inspected by government inspectors to assess sanitary conditions and detect and mitigate food safety risks. Dairy plants are also required to submit monthly finished product samples to independent laboratories to test for potential microbiological and chemical hazards.
- The sale of raw milk products is legal in some US states. Even though the dairy farms that supply these raw milk products are inspected and must meet state standards, outbreaks due to raw milk products still occur in those states.

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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: FPTFSC Workplan Task Team - Webinar January 13, 2015 (1:00pm-2:0pm Eastern Time)
Attachments: FPTFSC Work Plan 2014-17 (draft Jan 13 2015).docx

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Sent: Friday, January 9, 2015 8:00 AM
To: Speirs, Alison AGRI:EX; anatole.papadopoulos@hc-sc.gc.ca; Anne-Marie.St-Laurent@inspection.gc.ca; beverley.alder@ontario.ca; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; gavin.downing@ontario.ca; Janine Murray; Katie.Greenwood@inspection.gc.ca; kevin.webster@gov.ab.ca; Wilson, Linda AGRI:EX; Lisa.Landry@phac-aspc.gc.ca; Lucile.Giguere@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca; Pierrette.Cardinal@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Cc: Jennifer Fougere; Karine Halpenny; Nancy Ing; Wendy Burpee
Subject: FPTFSC Workplan Task Team - Webinar January 13, 2015 (1:00pm-2:0pm Eastern Time)

FPTFSC Workplan Task Team Members,

Please find attached an updated Draft Workplan (version 9), to be discussed at our next meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1:00-2:00pm Eastern Time.

Login information can be found below.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat.

Regards,
FPTFSC Secretariat

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Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 7:46 AM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Raw Milk - Cow Share - Legal opinion -- FW: Policy question regarding dairy livestock ownership

FYI, Tim. Please do not circulate.

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From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 5:17 PM
To: Coney, David AGRI:EX; Hryciuk, Lorie AGRI:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Cc: Anderson, Heather L AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Raw Milk - Cow Share - Legal opinion -- FW: Policy question regarding dairy livestock ownership

"(1) A person must not sell, offer for sale or supply any dairy product unless the dairy product has been pasteurized in accordance with this Act and the regulations"

The MIA applies to all vendors of milk, if personal use does not involve the sale of milk they are not vendors.

They are not licensed, or required to be licensed by the MIA unless they are vendors and Vendor is defined as any person dealing in milk, whether by purchase or sale or on the basis of delivery or consignment for sale.

If they declared they were a dairy farmer, or if they made any attempt to market or sell the milk produced by a dairy animal they owned, they would have to meet our standards, be licensed, and not sell, offer for sale or supply and dairy product that is not pasteurized and meeting all of the MIS Regulations.

As long as they are not required to be licensed they are not within our scope.

Jane

From: Coney, David AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Hryciuk, Lorie AGRI:EX; Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Cc: Anderson, Heather L AGRI:EX
Subject: Raw Milk - Cow Share - Legal opinion -- FW: Policy question regarding dairy livestock ownership

This is the raw milk – cooperative (cow-share) issue. Again.

Proponents are asking for a policy interpretation of the Act w.r.t whether a co-op model equates to ownership. I advised them to get a legal opinion, as we can't interpret legislation in this way, but it seems that answer was insufficient. Detail in email string, below.

My specific request of you, if I may, is whether we have ever had a legal opinion on the co-op/cow share question specifically? That is – does the personal exemption provision apply to the several members of a formal cow-share cooperative? AGRI has not ever had such an opinion, but perhaps HLTH?

If no such opinion exists, we will seek one from our solicitor and I will share this back with you.

Once I'm not here anymore (Friday is last day), I will be asking Heather Anderson (copied here) to pick up this file. Sorry Heather!

Many thanks,
David.

David Coney
Policy Manager
BC Ministry of Agriculture
250 387 3232

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2014 9:58 PM
To: Coney, David AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: Policy question regarding dairy livestock ownership

Dear David,
s.22

But we have more information now, so we can ask a specific question: s.22, we would like to ask your Ministry for a policy decision, for your approval. We would like to become a cooperative association under the Cooperative Associations Act in order to have a more formal legal structure for joint ownership of our s.22. The cooperative would own the livestock, and we co-owners would own shares in the cooperative. Nothing would be sold to the public -- all the products of the animals would still be only divided among the members, according to their proportional ownership of the animals.

Would forming a cooperative still permit us to enjoy the "personal use exemption" that is described in a report on the FIRB site as "However, personal use is exempted. You can start up to 200 chickens or 50 turkeys every year, or keep any number of milking cows, as long as none of the milk is sold." (page 1, http://www.firb.gov.bc.ca/reports/specialty_reports/specialty_review_q&a.pdf) . The classic situation of course being "the family cow" (however, a Jersey cow can provide milk for 20 families).

Would the cooperative be violating Section 6(1) of the Milk Industry Act, the clause against supplying raw milk ("A person must not ... supply any dairy product unless the dairy product has been pasteurized in accordance with this Act and the regulations.")? If livestock is owned by the co-op, is the co-op "supplying" milk to the shareholders? Or, as we would own shares in the co-op, and thus own the co-op, would this be an exemption to the law that would allow us to legally obtain products from our cows?

Many thanks for all your assistance! We know of several other herdshares that are also interested in this.

Sincerely,
s.22

On Thu, Nov 27, 2014 at 9:09 AM, Coney, David AGRI:EX <David.Coney@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
Dear s.22

Thanks for your email of November 25th regarding your newly established herd-share.

Your question is one about compliance with the Milk Industry Act, which in essence is a matter of legal interpretation, and as such is not something I am qualified to answer. Rather, I would advise you to seek a legal opinion from a qualified lawyer.

Thanks again for your enquiry, and good luck with your new venture.

David Coney
Policy Manager
BC Ministry of Agriculture
250.387.3232

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 12:53 PM
To: Coney, David AGRI:EX
Subject: Policy question regarding dairy livestock ownership

To: Mr. David Coney, Senior Manager of Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, David.Coney@gov.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Coney

s.22 herdshare here in British Columbia which would like to organize such that we are in compliance with the laws of BC regarding the ownership of a cow for the purposes of drinking unpasteurized milk.

We are aware that the Ministry of Health classifies all unpasteurized milk as a "health hazard" under clause 2(a) of the Health Hazard Regulation; however, our question specifically concerns clause 6(1) of the Milk Industry Act, which states:

"(1) A person must not sell, offer for sale or supply any dairy product unless the dairy product has been pasteurized in accordance with this Act and the regulations"

It is our understanding that when a person has ownership of a cow they are entitled to drink the milk from that cow, as per the "personal use exemption" listed in the "Review of Specialty Production" report, which states: "However, personal use is exempted. You can start up to 200 chickens or 50 turkeys every year, or keep any number of milking cows, as long as none of the milk is sold." (http://www.firb.gov.bc.ca/reports/specialty_reports/specialty_review_q&a.pdf, page 1).

5.22

Our cowshare wishes to be in compliance with the law and Ministry policy regarding personal ownership, rather than ignoring the law or "skirting around it." In order to ensure that we are in compliance, we are requesting clarification and instruction about what specific requirements the Ministry has that we must fulfill in order to be in compliance. We wish to ensure that we are in no way "selling or buying raw milk," but are truly able, as livestock owners, to consume products from our cattle in the same way that 9 out of 10 Canadian dairy farmers consume unpasteurized milk from their own cattle.

I thank you in advance for your assistance. If your Ministry does not have an exact policy yet regarding herdshares and would be open to hearing our input and suggestions, or if you would like more information about our herdshare, we would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

5.22

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Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX

From: Docker, Jennifer [VC] <Jennifer.Docker@vch.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Cc: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX; XT:HLTH Taki, Richard
Subject: Raw milk Update

Thanks, Tim.

I will put this on the agenda for the next meeting of the Regional Directors of Health Protection Council.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Docker
Administrative Assistant to
Richard Taki, Regional Director, Health Protection
Angelo Kouris, Director, Environmental Health

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX [<mailto:Tim.Lambert@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 9:36 AM
To: Docker, Jennifer [VC]; Taki, Richard [VC]
Cc: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Raw milk Update

Hi Folks
So, Feb 12 in the morning looks good.

Tim

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Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:23 AM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Did anything come out of raw milk meeting yesterday that would impact raw milk Factsheet?

Thanks! Will hold factsheet till you know.

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:04 AM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Did anything come out of raw milk meeting yesterday that would impact raw milk Factsheet?

Nothing substantive - I will ask A if she wants a comment we have met

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2015, at 9:00 AM, Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX <Daphne.SidawayWolf@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 4:32 PM
To: Oh, Terry HLTH:EX; Cotton, Carrie HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: February 2015 - HP Quarterly Report
Attachments: February 2015 - HP Quarterly Report.docx

Importance: High

Would one of you start and the other finish your input to the quarterly report and then send to me?
Thanks,
D

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Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 4:14 PM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Cc: Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: February 2015 - HP Quarterly Report
Importance: High

Over to you Daphne. Mike and I have made changes and put updates in yellow.

From: Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Janke, Brenda G HLTH:EX
Subject: February 2015 - HP Quarterly Report
Importance: High

Brenda, I've indicated my changes in yellow. On to you.....

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Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: FPTFSC - Conference Call February 5, 2015 (1:00-2:00pm Eastern Time) - Agenda and Documents // CFPTSA Téléconférence le 5 février 2015 (13h à 14h Heure de l'Est) - Ordre du jour et documents
Attachments: FPTFSC - December 8, 2014 - Conference Call - Key Outcomes (draft) FR.doc; FPTFSC - December 8, 2014 - Conference Call - Key Outcomes (draft) EN.doc; FPT FSC FSPR SC Terms of Reference January 2014 v1 2015-01-29.doc; FPTFSC 25-26 Nov 2014 FR.doc; FPTFSC 25-26 Nov 2014 EN.doc; FPTFSC Work Plan 2014-17 (Feb 4 2015) EN.docx; FPTFSC Work Plan 2014-17 (Feb 4 2015) FR.docx; FPTFSC - February 5, 2015 - Conference Call - Agenda EN FR.doc

Hi Terry,
This is for the full committee, not just the Work Plan Working Group.
Tim may want to stay for the whole meeting as he is a co-chair.
I'll let you know when Tim comes in.
D

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From: Karine Halpenny [<mailto:karine.halpenny@hc-sc.gc.ca>] **On Behalf Of** FPTFSC_Secretariat
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2015 11:27 AM
Subject: FPTFSC - Conference Call February 5, 2015 (1:00-2:00pm Eastern Time) - Agenda and Documents // CFPTSA Téléconférence le 5 février 2015 (13h à 14h Heure de l'Est) - Ordre du jour et documents

Le français suit.

FPTFSC Members,

Please find attached the agenda and documents for the upcoming FPTFSC All Member's conference call tomorrow, February 5, from 1:00-2:00pm (Eastern Time):

The conference call information is included in the agenda.

Regards,

FPTFSC Secretariat

Bonjour,

Veuillez trouver ci-joint l'ordre du jour et les documents pour la prochaine téléconférence de tous les membres du CFPTSA demain, le 5 février, de 13h à 14h (Heure de l'Est).

Le numéro pour la téléconférence est indiqué dans l'ordre du jour.

Salutations,

Secrétariat du CFPTSA

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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:23 AM
To: 'Wilcott, Lynn'; Shyng, Sion; McIntyre, Lorraine
Cc: XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: FYI - CFIA trace forward activities pertaining to contaminated feed

Thank you, Lynn, for the update.

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Cc: XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: FYI - CFIA trace forward activities pertaining to contaminated feed

Tim, Daphne:
See below- FYI
Call or email me if you have any questions.
We will keep you updated as the situation unfolds.
Lynn

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From: Shyng, Sion
Sent: February 20, 2015 3:52 PM
To: Wilcott, Lynn; McIntyre, Lorraine
Cc: Kosatsky, Tom
Subject: FYI - CFIA trace forward activities pertaining to contaminated feed

Hi Lynn and Lorraine, [Lynn please forward to Tim/Daphne if you feel that they need to be informed at this stage]

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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Cc: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; 'Wilcott, Lynn'
Subject: FW: FYI - CFIA trace forward activities pertaining to contaminated feed

Perry and Bonnie,
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For your information.
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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 11:40 AM
To: Hlevca, Raluca AGRI:EX
Cc: Last, Gavin AGRI:EX; Anderson, Heather L AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Raw milk question for Health

Thanks, Raluca, and hope you are enjoying your new position at the ministry.

Interesting situation.

I am aware of raw milk issues, and we respond to raw milk queries from a health hazard perspective fairly regularly.

Will get back as soon as we have input.

In the interim, here are a few sites with raw milk outbreak data; There are many illnesses and outbreaks today that can traced to the consumption of raw milk. In fact, most foodborne illnesses linked to raw milk are associated with E.coli O157:H7, Campylobacter, Salmonella and Listeria. You can find examples of raw milk illnesses and outbreaks for:

- BC, from 1983 to 2010, at: http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/823408EA-82DF-4310-8503-D782DAFB7E9D/0/TableofBCrawmilkevents_2013web.pdf; and,
- North America, from 2000 to 2012, at: http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/628544F1-0533-48E8-9C96-8391952BEF96/0/RawMilkOutbreakTable2000_2012.pdf.

These BC Centre for Disease Control, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services webpages have information on the issues of raw milk. You can find these webpages at:

- <http://www.bccdc.ca/foodhealth/dairy/Raw+Milk.htm>;
- <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/rawmilk/raw-milk-index.html>; and,
- <http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/types/milk/index.html>.

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Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Cc: Last, Gavin AGRI:EX; Anderson, Heather L AGRI:EX
Subject: Raw milk question for Health

Hi Daphne,

I recently started reviewing a question our Ministry received on the issue of raw milk production and consumption. I understand that you are aware of this file as you were copied on the email chain. To refresh your memory, I copied an excerpt below.

I am also including a short summary I put together that aims to answer the questions posed to us. Regardless of whether the co-operative is in compliance with s 6(1) of the Milk Industry Act (MIA), it seems that their activities are most certainly in violation of the Public Health Act (PHA) and its regulations.

Perhaps you are aware of a legal opinion on this issue in your ministry? We will be seeking one here, if there isn't already one on this specific point. Ideally we can respond to Sharon Proske (see below) addressing compliance with both the MIA and the PHA.

Thanks,

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2014 9:58 PM
To: Coney, David AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: Policy question regarding dairy livestock ownership

Dear David,
Thank you for your quick response. We took our question to a lawyer, and he said that he is unable to provide an answer, that this has to be a policy decision for your Ministry, that all he could do was to try to take a guess on what your policy would be.

But we have more information now, so we can ask a specific question: For our group of s.22 we would like to ask your Ministry for a policy decision, for your approval. We would like to become a cooperative association under the Cooperative Associations Act in order to have a more formal legal structure for joint ownership of our s.22. The cooperative would own the livestock, and we co-owners would own shares in the cooperative. Nothing would be sold to the public – all the products of the animals would still be only divided among the members, according to their proportional ownership of the animals.

Would forming a cooperative still permit us to enjoy the "personal use exemption" that is described in a report on the FIRB site as "However, personal use is exempted. You can start up to 200 chickens or 50 turkeys every year, or keep any number of milking cows, as long as none of the milk is sold." (page 1, http://www.firb.gov.bc.ca/reports/specialty_reports/specialty_review_q&a.pdf) . The classic situation of course being "the family cow" (however, a Jersey cow can provide milk for 20 families).

Would the cooperative be violating Section 6(1) of the Milk Industry Act, the clause against supplying raw milk ("A person must not ... supply any dairy product unless the dairy product has been pasteurized in accordance with this Act and the regulations.")? If livestock is owned by the co-op, is the co-op "supplying" milk to the shareholders? Or, as we would own shares in the co-op, and thus own the co-op, would this be an exemption to the law that would allow us to legally obtain products from our cows?

Many thanks for all your assistance! We know of several other herdshares that are also interested in this.

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Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX

From: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Protocol for Legal Sale of Fresh Unpasteurized Milk within the Supply Management System | National Farmers Union

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Protocol for Legal Sale of Fresh Unpasteurized Milk within the Supply Management System | National Farmers Union

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From: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:47 PM
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Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX; Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Protocol for Legal Sale of Fresh Unpasteurized Milk within the Supply Management System | National Farmers Union

Just reading this quickly, and wondering out loud, if we could transfer this file to AGRI and they could promote it as supporting local small farms, and they regulate this as "on farm" food safety program - not for public distribution or sale; and we write a simple exemption from our regulation if they are within AGRIs program it does not contravene the PHA raw milk regulation

-----Original Message-----

From: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:21 PM
To: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: Protocol for Legal Sale of Fresh Unpasteurized Milk within the Supply Management System | National Farmers Union

<http://www.nfu.ca/story/protocol-legal-sale-fresh-unpasteurized-milk-within-supply-management-system>

Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2015 5:18 PM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Janke, Brenda G HLTH:EX; Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX; Fishwick, David HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Action Required - Due Noon Tuesday: Estimates Debate and Upcoming Discussion at March 11 Exec Comm Meeting

Let's hope we won't be this time, too.
Ok with raw milk and SE.

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2015 5:12 PM
To: Janke, Brenda G HLTH:EX; Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Fishwick, David HLTH:EX
Subject: Fwd: Action Required - Due Noon Tuesday: Estimates Debate and Upcoming Discussion at March 11 Exec Comm Meeting

We are never on estimates:

1. Oil and gas

After this?

Drinking water - BCWWA report - \$13billion bill?
Waste application - drinking water protection

Professional reliance?

Raw milk - court case?
SE outbreak?

The classic issues: bed bugs, Lyme disease?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cowan, Darynn HLTH:EX" <Darynn.Cowan@gov.bc.ca>
To: "Kryzanowski, Kelli JAG:EX" <Kelli.Kryzanowski@gov.bc.ca>, "Brownsey, Silas HLTH:EX" <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>, "Carby, Shawn W HLTH:EX" <Shawn.Carby@gov.bc.ca>, "Herman, Matt HLTH:EX" <Matt.Herman@gov.bc.ca>, "Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX" <Tim.Lambert@gov.bc.ca>, "McDonald, Shannon M HLTH:EX" <Shannon.M.McDonald@gov.bc.ca>, "O'Briain, Warren W HLTH:EX" <Warren.OBriain@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Action Required - Due Noon Tuesday: Estimates Debate and Upcoming Discussion at March 11 Exec Comm Meeting

At the March 11 Executive Committee meeting, Steve has asked that the ADMs present for discussion their lists of probable Estimates topics for review (no set maximum for number of topics). Can you please provide me with your list of topics by noon Tuesday.

Thx so much!

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From: Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2015 11:47 AM
To: hlth Executive Committee; hlth Key Contacts; hlth Secretaries to the Executive Committee
Cc: Hewlett, Cheryl A HLTH:EX
Subject: Important: This year's Estimates Debate and Upcoming Discussion at March 11 Exec Comm Meeting
Importance: High

Hi all: Good news on the Estimates front. Steve has advised that the only materials needed from the divisions for the purposes of the ministry's Estimates Binder are Fact Sheets (succinct, to-the-point Fact Sheets ☺). In terms of Estimates timing, we are hearing from the MO that we will be last up – so timing will be the third or fourth week in May. With this in mind, Steve has requested that all Fact Sheets be in place by the end of April; hopefully, these have been kept up to date in any event so this won't be too arduous an exercise.

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To assist you/your staff in compiling your respective lists of probable Estimates Topics, I am

also providing:

- a tracking grid of all of the Questions on Notice from the last Estimates along with our answers to the same;
- a link to the official Hansard Transcripts of MOH Estimates Debate from last year: Monday pm, May 26, 2014<<http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard/40th2nd/20140526pm-Hansard-v13n7.pdf>> (jump to page 4148); Tuesday am, May 27, 2014<<http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard/40th2nd/20140527am-Hansard-v14n1.pdf>> (jump to page 4209); Tuesday pm, May 27, 2014<<http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard/40th2nd/20140527pm-Hansard-v14n2.pdf>> (jump to page 4207); Wednesday pm, May 28, 2014<<http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard/40th2nd/20140528pm-Hansard-v14n3.pdf>>4 (no am session – jump to page 4356); Thursday am, May 29, 2014<<http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard/40th2nd/20140529am-Hansard-v14n4.pdf>> (jump to page 4421); and, Thursday pm, May 29<<http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard/40th2nd/20140529pm-Hansard-v14n5.pdf>> (jump to page 4470);
- the top 10 correspondence issue topics for November 2014, January 2015 and February 2015 (list not compiled for December); and,
- the most recent version of the weekly lists of overdue MLA Requests and overdue MLA Correspondence (the “Outstanding Min Sig” excel sheet has two worksheets; the first pertains to MLA correspondence). These are sent to your offices every Friday.

Thanks very much in advance for your/your staff’s assistance to ensure we are ready for this year’s Estimates Debate.

Regards, g.

Grace Foran

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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2015 3:43 PM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: s.22

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Have made request for FHA update on raw milk, and working on constitutional bit.

Cheers,

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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:19 AM
To: 'media@fraserhealth.ca'
Subject: Raw milk- urgently needed update for material for Minister

Hello,

I am trying to reach the Senior Public Affairs Officer, Fraser Health, re an update to the briefing note on raw milk. This is to meet a deadline of noon today, for Minister's material.

The last update has Roy Thorpe-Dorward's name on it, but neither number beside his name is working.

Would you be able to direct me to the person now updating this note?

Thank you,

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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:39 AM
To: 'Labbe, Erin'
Subject: RE: FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Thank you, Erin.

This is more up to date.

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Is there someone at Fraser Health I could speak with about this? I left a voicemail message with Oonagh Tyson, Regional Director, yesterday, but she was not available. She is in transition with respect to an assistant, but till try that avenue again.

Any information on this hot topic would be great.

Cheers,

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From: Labbe, Erin [<mailto:Erin.Labbe@fraserhealth.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:33 AM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Hi Daphne,

We did find an updated version dated June 2013 – this is our most recent version.

Please let me know if you need additional information from FH on this topic.

Thanks!

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media pager: 604-450-7881

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX [<mailto:Daphne.SidawayWolf@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:28 AM
To: Labbe, Erin
Subject: FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013
Importance: High

Hello, Erin,
Thank you for looking into getting us an update on this 2013 raw milk BN.
We hope to be able to attach an update to our note which is due at noon.
Greatly appreciate the detective work involved.
Daphne

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Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 12:08 PM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: Fact Sheets for DM-MO Spring 2015 (2)
Attachments: Fact Sheets for DM-MO Spring 2015 (2).docx

Table of Contents Fact Book- with Raw Milk Fact Sheet added.

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I'll add the new note as soon as it comes in.

Daphne

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To: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Cc: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Updated issues note - Raw Milk

Thanks for the clarification, Laura.
I'll pass on the Perry's and my suggestions to Oonagh, who is now involved with this work at FHA
Daphne

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Cc: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Updated issues note - Raw Milk

Thanks Daphne – this isn't actually our note, it's Fraser Health's, so we don't do the updates to it.

That said, I think that it would be worthwhile to have an updated note for our purposes (I don't think we've had one from our end since 2013...) so can work to do that in the next few days. However, I may come to you for more info when I do that, as I'm not actually clear on what the details of her challenge are!

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Subject: RE: Updated issues note - Raw Milk

Thank you, Laura,

This has been added to the documents for the Minister that the ADM and DM will be discussing today.
I realise this update includes just the one, 2015, bullet.
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Cheers,

Daphne

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FYI – Updated IN from Fraser health on raw milk...

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Subject: Updated issues note - Raw Milk

Hi there,

Daphne Sidaway-Wolf, Director of Food Safety with the Ministry of Health is looking for an updated issues note to share with MTL before noon today.

Attached is our note, updated with the following:

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We'll go ahead and share this with her, but wanted you to be aware.

Nafisa

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To: 'Tyson, Oonagh'
Subject: RE: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013
Attachments: IN_RawMilkUpdate_Feb2015.doc

Hi, Oonagh,

The FHA BN went in exactly as provided- attached for your records. I received the note from GCPE's Laura Heinze.

The wording changes were not incorporated as the note is FHA's. This would, presumably, give you the opportunity to edit it. You might want to update the Regional Director's name and the date of last update at the end of the document. I think Laura was thinking of perhaps updating the messaging on their (GCPE's) BN, though I am not sure what that would be.

Cheers,

Daphne

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Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 3:49 PM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Hi Daphne, Has this wording change been incorporated? If not, are you able to work directly with Erin on this, as I wouldn't have the jurisdiction to make changes (it is a FH Public Affairs document). As for the constitutional challenge, I would only be able to add the point about the dates since I don't know anything more than this. Would amendments need to be made to the existing BN? Are you able to forward me a finalized copy of what was sent for my records?

Thanks!
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To: Tyson, Oonagh
Subject: RE: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Yes, Thank you, Oonagh!

I thought you were on my thank you email, but see you weren't. I sent it forward with the fact sheet. ☺

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Thank you again for providing a quick response, Oonagh!!

Daphne

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Subject: RE: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Hi Daphne, just checking if you received this yet?

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To: Tyson, Oonagh
Subject: RE: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Thank you, Oonagh. This is great news.

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To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Hi Daphne, I just spoke with our Public Affairs dept and provided them the latest update. They will work to get the BN to you so you should receive it directly from Erin Labbe once she has VP sign off. She figures that won't take too long.

Thanks,
Oonagh

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
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To: Tyson, Oonagh
Cc: 'trudi.reid@fraserhealth.ca'
Subject: RE: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Thank you, Oonagh!

This is great for my Factsheet, which will be used by the ADM and Deputy at their meeting today.

We would like to add an updated version of the FHA BN, as it contains material that would supplement the Factsheet.

Trudi thought you were reviewing a raw milk note last week. If this is the update to FHA's June 2013 raw milk note, do you know when this might be available so I can indicate this to the ADM before noon?

Thank you once again, Oonagh!

Daphne

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To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Hi Daphne,

I would suggest including the following updates in the briefing note:

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If you need any more information, please let me know.

Regards,
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Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 2:53 PM

To: Tyson, Oonagh

Subject: Estimates: Request for update on FHA - Raw Milk Update - Jan2013

Importance: High

Hello, Oonagh,

We are getting ready for Estimates and need to update our note on raw milk. Recent questions deal with requests to remove Sec 2 (a) of the Health Hazards Regulation, a topic with which I am sure you are fully familiar. The writers support the sale of raw milk.

I have attached the January 2013 update prepared by FHA. May we please have a 2015 update? We have until tomorrow noon to get these in for review, so my apologies for the very short timeline. Hopefully you have an update on file, or this can be tweaked with the latest information.

Thank you very much in advance, Oonagh,

Daphne

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FACT SHEET

FOOD SAFETY - UNPASTEURIZED/RAW MILK

ISSUE

Citizens express desire for access to illegal unpasteurized/ raw milk and seek removal of the *Public Health Act's* Section 2 (a) from Health Hazards regulation which deems unpasteurized milk to be a health hazard.

KEY FACTS

- Unpasteurized milk – often referred to as raw milk – is consumed as it comes directly from the cow, goat or sheep, without being processed to reduce levels of disease-causing bacteria such as *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, *Staphylococcus*, and *Campylobacter*.
- Its sale is illegal in Canada¹, and there is no credible or scientific evidence that unpasteurized milk produces any measurable health benefits over pasteurized dairy products.
- Consuming unpasteurized milk presents a serious health hazard, and may result in mild illness, serious disease, or even death, particularly among vulnerable populations including children, immune-compromised individuals, the elderly and pregnant women.
- Some BC citizens ask that unpasteurized milk no longer be deemed a health hazard under the *Public Health Act's* Health Hazards Regulation, citing access in other jurisdictions.
- The *BC Milk Industry Act* prohibits the sale/supply of unpasteurized dairy products². A person may still drink unpasteurized milk from his/her own cow.
- Canadian dairy plants can legally use unpasteurized milk to produce cheese if it is aged for a minimum of 60 days under controlled conditions³. During the aging process, the internal environment of the cheese becomes more acidic, causing harmful bacteria in the milk to be destroyed. However, there is a risk that *E. coli* O157:H7 can adapt to the low acid conditions that form during the manufacturing process, and may survive in low numbers⁴.

Oversight of dairy processing plants

- As of December 8, 2014, the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Food Protection Services had issued a total of 53 dairy plant licences⁵. There are 26 non-federally registered plants⁶ within BC that are exclusively inspected by BCCDC. Federal inspectors from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) lead inspections at the 27 federally registered plants⁷.
- BC dairy plants are inspected to ensure that their dairy products are safe and wholesome, and that their operations are in compliance with the *Milk Industry Act* and its regulation.
- All dairy plants are required to submit monthly finished product samples to accredited labs of their choice to verify that the applicable microbiological and chemical standards are met.
- Enforcement can include follow-up inspections, product withdrawal or recall, issuance of a prohibition notice, and suspension of the licence.

¹ Canada: Food and Drug Regulations: C.R.C., c. 870: http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._870/page-87.html#h-74. (Accessed Jan. 22, 2015).

² British Columbia: *Milk Industry Act* 1996: No sale of dairy products unless pasteurized 6 (1).

³ Canada: Food and Drug Regulations: C.R.C., c. 870: http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._870/page-109.html#docCont. (Accessed Jan. 22, 2015).

⁴ Pacheco, F. and Galindo, A. "Microbial safety of raw milk cheeses traditionally made at a pH below 4.7 and with other hurdles limiting pathogen growth." *Current Research, Technology and Education Topics in Applied Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology* 2: (2010): 1205-1216.

⁵ BCCDC: *Provincially Licensed Dairy Plants in BC*: http://www.bccdc.ca/~/media/~/files/BAEF59FB-98F7-4F1E-86D5-A7397165A758/0/ProvinciallyLicensedDairyPlantsinBCweb_Dec08_4.pdf (Accessed Jan. 22, 2015).

⁶ *ibid*

⁷ *ibid*

FACT SHEET

E.coli O157:H7 Outbreak Associated with Gort's Gouda Cheese

- On September 13, 2013, the Public Health Agency of Canada activated a foodborne outbreak committee to investigate a cluster of *E. coli* O157:H7 cases in BC and Alberta. The illnesses were caused by the consumption of contaminated cheese from a Gort's Gouda Cheese Farm operation in Salmon Arm. The operation produces cheese from pasteurized and unpasteurized cow and goat milk. The illnesses began in July and ended in late September.⁸
- CFIA issued a recall notice on September 17, 2013, for Gort's Gouda Cheese products. BCCDC ordered the operation to cease selling or supplying its cheese products.⁹ 28 cases of illnesses were reported across five provinces as part of this outbreak, including 13 cases in BC¹⁰. One of the 13 people impacted in BC died in August 2013¹¹.
- The operation resumed production and distribution of its cheese products on October 21, 2013, after health officials determined it is meeting provincial standards.¹²

Legal Case in BC related to Unpasteurized Milk¹³

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⁸ Provincial Health Services Authority. Confidential Issue Note: September 19, 2013 – Gort's Cheese E.coli O157:H7 Outbreak Investigation

⁹ *Ibid*

¹⁰ Public Health Agency of Canada. Epidemiological information. *E. coli* O157:H7 illness related to cheese produced by Gort's Gouda Cheese Farm: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cr/s-sa/phi-asp/2013/evoli-epi-info-0913-eng.php> (Accessed Jan. 22, 2015)

¹¹ Provincial Health Services Authority. Confidential Issue Note: September 19, 2013 – Gort's Cheese E.coli O157:H7 Outbreak Investigation

¹² BCCDC. *Gort's Cheese Allowed to Resume Operations*

<http://www.bccdc.ca/resourcematerials/newsandalerts/news/2013News/Gorts+Cheese+Facility+Resumption+Operations.htm> (Accessed Jan. 22, 2015)

¹³ Fraser Health. *Confidential Briefing Note – Our Cows Operation*. January 2013.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- N/A

Approved by:
Arlene Paton, ADM, Population and Public Health; March 12, 2015

¹⁴ Supreme Court of BC, *Fraser Health Authority v. Jungersen*, 2013 BCSC 986, <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/13/09/2013BCSC986.pdf> (Accessed Jan. 30, 2015)

September 19, 2013 – Gort's Cheese *E. coli* O157:H7 Outbreak Investigation

An investigation continues into a cluster of confirmed and probable cases of *E. coli* O157:H7 in BC residents. The illnesses are the result of consuming contaminated cheese produced by Gort's Gouda Cheese Farm in Salmon Arm.

The Provincial Health Services Authority - Communications Department recommends that the following key messages be communicated publicly:

Key Messages:

- Anyone with raw milk cheese products from Gort's Gouda Cheese Farm of Salmon Arm at home or at retail should immediately dispose of this product.
- BC public health issued a health alert Sept. 17 after concerns about *E. coli* O157:07 contamination. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has also ordered a recall of specific cheese products from Gort's produced with raw milk.
- If you have eaten this cheese and feel well, there is no need to do anything further. If you have diarrhea or feel very sick, see your health care provider.
- Gort's raw milk cheese products are widely distributed through the province.
- The farm operator has agreed to halt any further shipments of products and has ceased selling raw milk cheese to the public at the farm.
- Public health and food safety staff from BC Centre for Disease Control and Interior Health are working with counterparts from the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and Health Canada to investigate this outbreak and prevent further health risks to the public.
- Foods contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7 can pose a serious public health risk. Take precautions to avoid food-borne illness, for example:
 - Wash your hands before and after cooking;
 - Keep knives, counters and cutting boards clean;
 - Keep raw meats separate from other foods when you store them; and
 - Refrigerate or freeze left-overs promptly.

(if asked...)

- It is now confirmed that one of the cases in British Columbia died in hospital in August as a result of *E. coli* O157:H7 infection. This person resided in the Interior Health region.

Background:

- On September 13, 2013, the Public Health Agency of Canada activated a Foodborne Outbreak Investigation Coordinating Committee to jointly investigate a cluster of cases of *E. coli* O157:H7 in BC and Alberta.
- As of Sept. 17, BC had 4 lab confirmed human illness cases; another four probable cases are under investigation.
- One of the four confirmed cases was subsequently hospitalized and died in August. As of Sept. 19, health officials confirm that this death is attributable to *E. coli* O157:07 illness.
- It's believed that the illnesses were caused by consuming contaminated cheese from Gort's Gouda Cheese Farm operation in Salmon Arm. This farm produces cheese from cow and goat's milk both from pasteurized milk and from raw milk.

- The onset of the illnesses began in July with majority of the cases displaying symptoms from Aug. 21 to Sept. 2.
- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency issued its recall notice on Sept. 17 for Gort's Gouda Cheese products. The Public Health Agency of Canada also issued a public health alert to avoid consumption of this product; PHAC is the lead agency as these cheese products are in possession of people and or retail stores in both BC, Alberta and possibly other provinces.
- E. coli (Escherichia coli) is the name of a germ, or bacterium, that lives in the digestive tracts
- There are many types of E. coli, and most of them are harmless. But some can cause bloody diarrhea. Some strains of E. coli bacteria (such as a strain called O157:H7) may also cause severe anemia. Other strains of E. coli can cause urinary tract infections or other infections.
- Symptoms start an average of three to four days after exposure to the bacteria, and usually last between five to 10 days. Rarely, it can lead to kidney failure and death.
- Raw milk or dairy products can be infected by E. coli O157:H7. Bacteria can spread from a cow's digestive system to its milk.
- PHAC web site updates at: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fs-sa/phn-asp/2013/ecoli-0913-eng.php>
- CFIA recall information online at: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/newsroom/food-recalls-and-allergy-alerts/complete-listing/2013-09-17/eng/1379466612985/1379466625512>

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To: 'Shyng, Sion'; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Cc: Wilcott, Lynn
Subject: RE: FYI - Recording of March 26, 2015 Webinar, "Legal Aspects of Raw Milk"

Thank you, Si,
This will make for some good watching. This is a very topical webinar.
Daphne

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Cc: Wilcott, Lynn
Subject: FW: FYI - Recording of March 26, 2015 Webinar, "Legal Aspects of Raw Milk"

Hi Daphne and Terry,
FYI: recording of recent webinar, Legal Aspects of Raw Milk". I have included the links to the recording, and to a fact sheet on regulations and statutes in the 50 states.

Cheers, Si

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Subject: FYI - Recording of March 26, 2015 Webinar, "Legal Aspects of Raw Milk"

Hi,

I have attached a link to the recent webinar hosted by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Network for Public Health Law. The second link provides regulations and statutes on a state by state basis. Interestingly, Ohio effectively prohibits the sale of raw milk as no one meets the licensing requirements (i.e. must have continuously sold raw milk since Oct 1965)

The recording of the webinar may be found [here](#).

For more information about raw milk regulations and statutes in the 50 states, please check out The Network for Public Health Law's [fact sheet](#).

Cheers, Si

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To: Kendall Leser
Subject: Raw Milk Webinar Follow-Up

Good afternoon,

Thank you for joining us for the "Legal Aspects of Raw Milk" webinar yesterday.

The recording of the webinar may be found [here](#).

For more information about raw milk regulations and statutes in the 50 states, please check out The Network for Public Health Law's [fact sheet](#).

Finally, if you are interested in registering for the upcoming Chikungunya webinar you may do so by clicking [here](#).

Regards,
Kendall

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To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Raw milk call tomorrow morning

I'll be there.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 10:42 PM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Cc: Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX
Subject: Raw milk call tomorrow morning

Hi Daphne
You need to come to the raw milk call.

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX

From: Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 9:52 AM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Cc: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: CONFIRMATION OF TELECONFERENCE: Raw milk Update
Attachments: image001.png

From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:49 PM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: Fwd: CONFIRMATION OF TELECONFERENCE: Raw milk Update

Hi Folks
If you can join I will let them know.
Tim

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Oh, Terry HLTH:EX

From: Chan, Jennifer K HLTH:EX on behalf of Population and Public Health HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 1:46 PM
To: s.22
Subject: Ministry of Health Response - 1032026

1032026

s.22

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email dated s.22 requesting the removal of Clause 2(a) from the Health Hazards Regulation. The Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health, has forwarded your email to me, and I am responding on his behalf.

Section 2(a) of the Health Hazards Regulation under the *Public Health Act* states:

2. The following are prescribed as health hazards:

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The British Columbia Health Hazards Regulation aligns with the federal *Food and Drugs Act*. The federal *Food and Drugs Act's* Food and Drug Regulations prohibit the sale of raw milk in Canada. The *Food and Drugs Act* establishes standards for the safety and nutritional quality of food, and it applies to all food sold in Canada. Section B.08.002.2 of the Food and Drug Regulations states:

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Thank you again for writing and expressing your concerns.

Yours truly,

Tim Lambert, PhD
Executive Director
Health Protection Branch
Ministry of Health

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From: s.22

Sent: March 26, 2015 10:39 AM

To: Lake.MLA, Terry

Subject: Policy change

Honorable Terry Lake,

I am writing to please ask you to please remove clause 2(a) from the Health Hazards Regulation. In an age where we are over fed and under nourished, access to raw milk is one small step to achieving greater health. Since the risks of drinking raw milk are equal to that of eating spinach, I would love to see this health food readily available for our citizens.

Thank you,

s.22

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Health Protection Branch
Ministry of Health

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Oh, Terry HLTH:EX

From: Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 3:32 PM
To: Chan, Jennifer K HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Please Read: Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm - Shipper 53-048 / Jerseyland Organics . 2690 Almond Garden Road, Grand Forks . BC. V0H 1H0

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 12:58 PM
To: 'Shyng, Sion'
Cc: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Please Read: Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm - Shipper 53-048 / Jerseyland Organics . 2690 Almond Garden Road, Grand Forks . BC. V0H 1H0

Hi Si,
Terry Oh and I will be on the call. I'll look for your invite.
Thanks for the update.
Daphne

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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 11:50 AM
To: Ammar Makhzoum; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; XT:HLTH Touchet, Kevin; XT:HLTH Parsonage, Roger
Cc: Dewith, Nancy AGRI:EX; Radke, Brian AGRI:EX; Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX; Green, Neola R AGRI:EX; Wilcott, Lynn; Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX; Andrew Siemens; Pannett, Roger AGRI:EX; Hart, Drew; XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom
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Regards,

Sion

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To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Please Read: Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm - Shipper 53-048 / Jerseyland Organics . 2690 Almond Garden Road, Grand Forks . BC. V0H 1H0

Yes, we'll be on the call. I was just responding to Si when I got your mail.
DSW

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Hi Folks
Can you do this call.
Thx
Tim

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From: "Shyng, Sion" <Sion.Shyng@bccdc.ca>
Date: April 29, 2015 at 11:49:48 AM PDT
To: Ammar Makhzoum <Ammar.Makhzoum@inspection.gc.ca>, "Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX" <Daphne.SidawayWolf@gov.bc.ca>, "tim.lambert@gov.bc.ca" <tim.lambert@gov.bc.ca>, "[IHA] Touchet, Kevin" <Kevin.Touchet@interiorhealth.ca>, "[IHA] Parsonage, Roger" <Roger.Parsonage@interiorhealth.ca>
Cc: "Nancy.Dewith@gov.bc.ca" <Nancy.Dewith@gov.bc.ca>, "Brian.radke@gov.bc.ca" <Brian.radke@gov.bc.ca>, "Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX" <Lynette.Hare@gov.bc.ca>, "Green, Neola R AGRI:EX" <Neola.Green@gov.bc.ca>, "Wilcott, Lynn" <Lynn.Wilcott@bccdc.ca>, "Jane.Pritchard@gov.bc.ca" <Jane.Pritchard@gov.bc.ca>, Andrew Siemens <wsiemens@milk-bc.com>, "Pannett, Roger AGRI:EX" <Roger.Pannett@gov.bc.ca>, "Hart, Drew" <Drew.Hart@bccdc.ca>,

"Kosatsky, Tom" <Tom.Kosatsky@bccdc.ca>

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From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 2:19 PM
To: 'Shyng, Sion'
Cc: Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: Accepted: Teleconference - Illegal raw milk distribution

Hi, Si,

Terry Oh will join me in my office for the call.

Cheers,

Daphne

Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
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Woody's and Roger's listing and comment.
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From: Pannett, Roger AGRI:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Andrew (Woody) Siemens
Cc: Shyng, Sion; Ammar Makhzoum; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; XT:HLTH Touchet, Kevin; XT:HLTH Parsonage, Roger; Dewith, Nancy AGRI:EX; Radke, Brian AGRI:EX; Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX; Green, Neola R AGRI:EX; Wilcott, Lynn; Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX; Hart, Drew; XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom
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Thanks Woody.
Looks very suspicious!
Best Regards.
Roger Pannett .

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2015, at 4:25 PM, Andrew (Woody) Siemens <wsiemens@milk-bc.com> wrote:

Not sure if this is the same producer or not, but as per our discussion this was posted in "Grand Forks Craigslist" 26 days ago.

<http://bemidji.craigslist.org/grd/4963525830.html>

Woody Siemens
Market Supply and Development Manager
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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Cc: Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Shipper 53-048 . 2690 Almond Garden Road.Grand Forks . Bc. V0H 1H0

Here is a summary of the suspected raw milk situation in Grand Forks, the progressive course of action and the rationale.

It looks to me that IF they got a conviction they could face a significant fine and/or imprisonment per PHA s 108 (1) c, if it is proven that he has caused a health hazard. Trouble is, of course, proving that there was a health hazard caused so that a conviction can be had. And the court's potential lack of interest in perusing this when there are more challenging issues to be handled.

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2015 4:49 PM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Subject: The Right Chemistry: Raw-milk advocates swear by its health benefits. But ... | Montreal Gazette

<http://montrealgazette.com/health/diet-fitness/the-right-chemistry-raw-milk-advocates-swear-by-its-health-benefits-but>

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Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX

From: Pannett, Roger AGRI:EX
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2015 1:03 PM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Cc: Wilcott, Lynn; Ammar (ammar.makhzoum@inspection.gc.ca); Pam Morgan (morganp@inspection.gc.ca); (allison.charlton@inspection.gc.ca); (Daniel.Scherz@inspection.gc.ca); Radke, Brian AGRI:EX; XT:HLTH Touchet, Kevin; XT:HLTH Parsonage, Roger; Gow, Fiona S JAG:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX; XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom; McIntyre, Lorraine; Kovacevic, Jovana; Shyng, Sion; (wsiemens@milk-bc.com); Yan, Bernelle; Brice, Cindy
Subject: Re: DRAFT LETTER TO JERSEYLAND ORGANICS RE SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF RAW MILK

Good afternoon Jane.
As always, your support is much appreciated.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Roger.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2015, at 11:06 AM, Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX <Jane.Pritchard@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Lynn,
Sorry I missed the call but happy Roger could make it to provide the direct information concerning the event.
I support you letter and would appreciate the cc to both Roger, Brian Radke and myself when it is sent.

Thank you,
Jane

From: Wilcott, Lynn [<mailto:Lynn.Wilcott@bccdc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2015 2:58 PM
To: Ammar (ammar.makhzoum@inspection.gc.ca); Pam Morgan (morganp@inspection.gc.ca); (allison.charlton@inspection.gc.ca); (Daniel.Scherz@inspection.gc.ca); Pannett, Roger AGRI:EX; Radke, Brian AGRI:EX; Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX; XT:HLTH Touchet, Kevin; XT:HLTH Parsonage, Roger; Gow, Fiona S JAG:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX; XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom; McIntyre, Lorraine; Kovacevic, Jovana; Shyng, Sion; (wsiemens@milk-bc.com)
Cc: Yan, Bernelle; Brice, Cindy
Subject: DRAFT LETTER TO JERSEYLAND ORGANICS RE SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF RAW MILK

Hello all.

Here is a draft of the letter to go to Jeremy Devries, owner of Jerseyland Organics located in Grand Forks, BC.

As discussed during the conference call yesterday, the purpose of the letter is primarily three-fold:

1. To communicate to him that the distribution of raw milk is not permitted as per various provincial and federal legislation,
2. To issue a written Prohibition Notice to him to cease and desist that activity (distributing raw milk),

3. To communicate to him that failure to comply with the Prohibition Notice may result in actions being taken against him.

ALL: Can you please review the contents of the draft letter from your agency's perspective. If you have any comments or recommended changes please forward to me. Also please review and indicate "who" from your agency should be cc'ed on the letter. Also- feel free to circulate within your organization for others to comment as appropriate.

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Thank you,
Jane

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Thanks, Tim.
BCCDC is likely to have RHA sign.
D

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Hi Daphne
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Tim

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Yes, thanks Lynn and Si.
Good work.
tom

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To: Ammar (ammar.makhzoum@inspection.gc.ca); Pam Morgan (morganp@inspection.gc.ca);
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Fiona S JAG:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX; XT:HLTH Kosatsky, Tom;
McIntyre, Lorraine; Kovacevic, Jovana; Shyng, Sion; (wsiemens@milk-bc.com)
Cc: Yan, Bernelle; Brice, Cindy
Subject: DRAFT LETTER TO JERSEYLAND ORGANICS RE SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF RAW MILK

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The milk of concern was being distributed from the dairy, rather than the registered processing plant on this property, so only the Food and Drugs Act and Regulations and not the Dairy Products Regulations subject to the Canada Agricultural Products Act would apply federally.

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CFIA appreciates being copied on the letter. For this purpose, please cc myself (Allison Charlton). For any further information, calls, etc., please copy both Pam Morgan and myself.

Thank you,
Allison

Allison Charlton

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Subject: Re: For Review: Draft T/C Minutes - Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm
Attachments: 2015_APR30_Illegal_Raw_Milk_TC_Minutes_DRAFT.pdf

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Pam

>>> "Shyng, Sion" <Sion.Shyng@bccdc.ca> 2015-05-01 3:10 PM >>>

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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 11:50 AM

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Subject: Final T/C Minutes: Alleged illegal distribution of raw milk by licensed dairy plant/farm
Attachments: 2015_APR30_Illegal_Raw_Milk_TC_Minutes_Final.pdf

Hi,

Thank you for your feedback and edits. I have attached the final version of the teleconference minutes for your records.

Please note that BCCDC Prohibition Notice will be delivered to the operator this week. You will be receiving a copy of the PN from Lynn Wilcott shortly.

Thank you again for your assistance on this multi-jurisdictional issue.

Regards,
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Subject: Re: Written Prohibition Notice to Jerseyland Organics

Good afternoon Lynn.
Letter looks well written & concise .
Thank you.
Best Regards.
Roger Pannett

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2015, at 2:44 PM, Wilcott, Lynn <Lynn.Wilcott@bccdc.ca> wrote:

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To all of you- thank you for your cooperation, assistance and input into this situation
Hopefully this will address it in a fashion that works for us.
FYI- we will be monitoring this operation and know that some of you will be doing the same.
If there are any signs of non-compliance in the future, we will be re-notifying you to discuss further actions as appropriate.
Thanks again.

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To: Cotton, Carrie HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: IN on raw milk
Attachments: 20150508_IN_Raw milk Jerseyland rev.docx

FYI- confidential, of course.

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2015 4:14 PM
To: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Oh, Terry HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: IN on raw milk

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From: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2015 3:24 PM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX
Cc: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Frattaroli, Angela GCPE:EX
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FYI on this

From: Swan, Carol [<mailto:Carol.Swan@bccdc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; XT:Kennedy, Theresa HLTH:IN; XT:Pritchard, Lesley HLTH:IN; XT:Hadaway, Ben HLTH:IN
Subject: IN on raw milk

Here's the IN on the raw milk.

No plans to issue a health alert at this point. There aren't any reports of illness and milk has a short shelf life. The farmer is being compliant.

Carol

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUE NOTE

May 8, 2015 – Raw Milk Prohibition Notice

BCCDC has been made aware of alleged illegal raw milk distribution at Jerseyland Organics in Grand Forks, BC by the Ministry of Agriculture (MAgri). A prohibition notice to cease and desist packing and distribution of raw milk has been sent to the owner of the dairy operation.

The Provincial Health Services Authority - Communications Department recommends that the following key messages be communicated publicly:

Key Messages:

- During a routine dairy inspection at Jerseyland Organics, a dairy farm inspector with the BC Ministry of Agriculture observed workers filling plastic bottles with what appeared to be raw milk.
- Selling unpasteurized milk, often referred to as raw milk, is illegal in Canada.
- The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), in cooperation with partners in the provincial government, the Interior Health Authority (IHA), BC Milk Marketing Board (BCMMB), and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), are taking this situation seriously.
- A written prohibition notice to cease and desist packing and distributing raw milk has been hand delivered to the owner of the dairy operation.
- It is important for the public to not consume unpasteurized milk.
- The risk of disease from consuming these unpasteurized products is high and can cause serious illness in people, especially young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems.
- There have been cases of illness caused by the consumption of raw milk in B.C., including children who were given raw milk by well-intentioned parents.
- There is no scientific evidence that raw milk produces any measurable health benefits over pasteurized dairy products.

Background:

- During a routine dairy inspection at Jerseyland Organics in Grand Forks, BC, the dairy farm inspector observed two workers filling what is assumed to be raw milk from the raw milk surge bulk tank into approximately 126 unlabelled 2L plastic bottles. Upon questioning, the owner of the dairy operation said the milk was being distributed to local family members.
- After discussion and input from representatives from BCCDC, MAgri, MoH, IHA, BCMMB, and the CFIA, it was decided that a written prohibition notice to cease and desist packing and distribution of raw milk would be sent to the owner of the dairy operation.
- The distribution of unpasteurized milk is in violation of the *BC Milk Industry Act* [section 6], which covers the sale, offer for sale or supply of unpasteurized milk. Distribution of raw milk is also in violation of section 15 the *BC Public Health Act*.
- s.15
- It is not confirmed if the recipients of the milk were 'local family members', as originally stated by the owner.
- There are no reports of illness from anyone drinking the raw milk from Jerseyland Organics.

- Unpasteurized milk is consumed directly from the cow, goat or sheep without any process to destroy disease-causing bacteria like *E. coli*, *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*. Several scientific studies have demonstrated that disease-causing bacteria can be present in raw milk- even in dairy animals that appear healthy.
- There is no credible or scientific evidence that raw milk produces any measurable health benefits over pasteurized dairy products:
 - No significant changes have been noted in calcium levels in raw and pasteurized milk;
 - Most vitamins are not affected by pasteurization. Vitamin C is lost in the largest amount, but milk is not a significant source of Vitamin C;
 - Proteins in the milk are generally not affected by pasteurization.
- There is no quality standard for raw milk for consumption in BC as the sale of unpasteurized dairy products is illegal in Canada.
- BC licences and regulates dairy plants that produce pasteurized products. Dairy plants are regularly inspected by government inspectors to assess sanitary conditions and detect and mitigate food safety risks. Dairy plants are also required to submit monthly finished product samples to independent laboratories to test for potential microbiological and chemical hazards.
- The sale of raw milk products is legal in some US states. Even though the dairy farms that supply these raw milk products are inspected and must meet state standards, outbreaks due to raw milk products still occur in those states.

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Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX

From: Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 8:44 AM
To: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX; Janke, Brenda G HLTH:EX; Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX; Fishwick, David HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: More Detail: Today's Estimates

Given the constituent focus you mention might this include topics such as access to raw milk, dogs in restaurants, food in residential care facilities, farmer's markets (ungraded eggs), and maybe incidence of foodborne illness and what is being done about this?

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From: Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 8:40 AM
To: Janke, Brenda G HLTH:EX; Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX; Sidaway-Wolf, Daphne HLTH:EX; Fishwick, David HLTH:EX
Subject: Fwd: More Detail: Today's Estimates

So looks like if we get any questions it will be in the wide ranging MLA questions from 3:30 - 5.

In the past these have been constituent issues.

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cowan, Darynn HLTH:EX" <Darynn.Cowan@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 14, 2015 at 8:34:47 AM PDT
To: "Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX" <Tim.Lambert@gov.bc.ca>, "Brownsey, Silas HLTH:EX" <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>, "McDonald, Shannon M HLTH:EX" <Shannon.M.McDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Sitar, Natalie HLTH:EX" <Natalie.Sitar@gov.bc.ca>
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From: Paton, Arlene HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 7:38 AM
To: O'Briain, Warren W HLTH:EX; Cowan, Darynn HLTH:EX; Herman, Matt HLTH:EX
Subject: Fw: More Detail: Today's Estimates

So if Warren can attend in morning and Matt in the afternoon, that would be good, thx!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX <Grace.Foran@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 7:37 AM
To: hlth Executive Committee; hlth Key Contacts; hlth Secretaries to the Executive Committee
Subject: More Detail: Today's Estimates

Morning! A little more detail provided by Opposition Critic:

- Sue Hammell will be back on Mental Health & Addictions from 11 to 12.
- Critic will be returning to capital projects at 1:30.
- There will be a number of MLAs asking individual questions from 3:30 to 5 pm.
- Critic will deal with a wide range of specific issues in whatever time remains.

Regards, g.

Oh, Terry HLTH:EX

From: Chan, Jennifer K HLTH:EX on behalf of Population and Public Health HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:55 AM
To: s.22
Subject: Ministry of Health Response - 1033791

1033791

s.22

Thank you for your email of s.22 regarding the sale of raw milk in BC. The Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture, has forwarded your email to me, and I am responding on his behalf.

The federal *Food and Drugs Act*'s Food and Drug Regulations prohibit the sale of raw milk in Canada. The *Food and Drugs Act* establishes standards for the safety and nutritional quality of food, and it applies to all food sold in Canada. Section B.08.002.2 of the Food and Drug Regulations states:

- **B.08.002.2** (1) Subject to subsection (2), no person shall sell the normal lacteal secretion obtained from the mammary gland of the cow, genus *Bos*, or of any other animal, or sell a dairy product made with any such secretion, unless the secretion or dairy product has been pasteurized by being held at a temperature and for a period that ensure the reduction of the alkaline phosphatase activity so as to meet the tolerances specified in official method MFO-3, *Determination of Phosphatase Activity in Dairy Products*, dated November 30, 1981.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to
- (a) cheese; or
- (b) any food that is sold for further manufacturing or processing in order to pasteurize it in the manner described in subsection (1).

While your research may have revealed to you some benefits of raw milk, there are still many illnesses and outbreaks today that can be traced to the consumption of raw milk. In fact, most foodborne illnesses linked to raw milk are associated with *E.coli* O157:H7, *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella* and *Listeria*. You can find examples of raw milk illnesses and outbreaks, many which involve newborns and children, for:

- BC from 1983 to 2010 at: http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/823408EA-82DF-4310-8503-D782DAFB7E9D/0/TableofBCrawmilkevents_2013web.pdf; and,
- North America from 2000 to 2012 at: http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/628544F1-0533-48E8-9C96-8391952BEF96/0/RawMilkOutbreakTable2000_2012.pdf.

Meanwhile, I recommend visiting the BC Centre for Disease Control, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services webpages for more information on the issues of raw milk, whose websites are listed below. I urge you, particularly, to review the information on the second site.

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food-aliment@hc-sc.gc.ca, or at: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/contact/fn-an/hpfb-dgpsa/fd-da-eng.php>.

Thank you again for writing and expressing your concerns. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Yours truly,

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