

May I ship Grade A raw milk or Grade A pasteurized products out of state?

In order to ship raw or pasteurized Grade A milk and milk products out of state you must participate in the Interstate Milk Shipment (IMS) program. The Interstate Milk Shipment (IMS) program ensures that the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and related regulations governing the production of Grade A fluid milk products are applied uniformly in all states. This enables Montana dairy plants and farmers to ship the Grade A products to other states. If you wish to pursue an IMS listing your sanitarian will guide you through the process.

What is FSMA?

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) of 2011 directs the US Food and Drug Administration to better protect public health by adopting a modern, preventative and risk-based approach to food safety regulation. Owners, operators or agents in charge of a facility that manufactures food for human consumption in the USA must register with the FDA unless exempt under 21 CFR 1.266 from the requirement to register.

Who does not have to register under Title 21 CFR 1.226?

- (a) A foreign facility, if food from such facility undergoes further manufacturing/processing (including packaging) by another facility outside the United States.
- (b) Farms;
- (c) Retail food establishments;
- (d) Restaurants;
- (e) Nonprofit food establishments in which food is prepared for, or served directly to, the consumer;
- (f) Fishing vessels,
- (g) Facilities that are regulated exclusively, throughout the entire facility, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Federal Meat Inspection Act ([21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.](#)), the Poultry Products Inspection Act ([21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.](#)), or the Egg Products Inspection Act ([21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.](#));