The National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments recommended during the 1989 meeting a change in the method of rating equipment testing conducted by regulatory agencies on state and federal I.M.S. surveys. Effective July 1, 1990, enforcement rating scores on equipment tests will be on a full credit or no credit basis per three month testing period. Full credit depends upon completion of all required tests on each plant pasteurizer during the testing quarter. Sanitarians responsible for milk plant equipment testing are expected to complete all required equipment tests at both I.M.S. and Non-I.M.S. milk plants in their area at the required frequency.

Attached is a H.T.S.T. Equipment Test Procedure Field Reference which has been condensed from P.M.O. requirements for in-plant use. The sequence of testing suggested in the field reference may be varied at the operator’s discretion, but the sequence is felt to be the most efficient method of completing tests with regard to pasteurization operation.

Due to the more complicated nature of higher-heat shorter-time (HHST) pasteurizing systems utilizing temperatures of 191°F and above and holding times of 1 second and less, individual equipment test procedures will be developed per pasteurization unit.

References
Pasteurized Milk Ordinance

History

Attachments
H.T.S.T. Equipment Test Procedures Field Reference