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SECRETARY OF STATE

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

AGENCY: Agriculture

RULE TYPE: Legislative

TITLE SERIES: 61 C.S.R. 15

RULE NAME: Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: §19-12E-8(1)

DATE FILED AS AN EMERGENCY RULE: June 4, 2025

Following review under W. Va. Code §29A-3-15a, which requires the Secretary of State to determine that the agency filing such emergency rule: 1) has not exceeded the scope of law authorizing or directing the promulgation thereof; 2) has shown that an emergency exists justifying the promulgation of an emergency rule; and 3) filed the emergency rule in compliance with W. Va. Code §29A-3-15, it is the decision of the Secretary of State that the above emergency rule is approved.

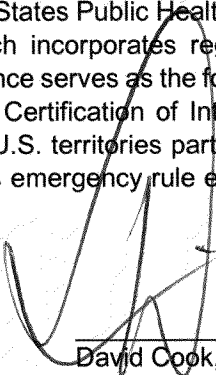
It is the determination of the Secretary of State that this proposal qualifies under the definition of an emergency as defined in §29A-3-15(f):

(1) For the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare;

(2) to comply with a time limitation established by the W. Va. Code or by a federal statute or regulation; or

(3) to prevent substantial harm to the public interest.

Additional notes or comments (if any): The United States Public Health Service issued the 2023 revision of the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, which incorporates regulations governing the processing, packaging, and sale of Grade "A" milk. This Ordinance serves as the foundational standard for the voluntary Cooperative State-USPHS/FDA Program for the Certification of Interstate Milk Shippers, a program in which all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories participate. The Ordinance regulates the transportation and sale of Grade "A" milk, and this emergency rule ensures that West Virginia remains in compliance with its provisions.



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