**SOP #3 – Milking Cattle with Abnormal or Treated Milk (Parlour)**

*(Questions FS25/FS26, July 2023 Reference Manual pages 6-7 to 6-10. All shaded areas are required elements of your SOP. You may use your own words to communicate the same intent.)*

Purpose: Prevent abnormal milk from entering the human food supply. Prevent residues from entering the human food supply. Withdrawal times must be followed to ensure residues are not found in milk. Cattle that calve early may not have completed the milk withdrawal for dry treatments.

* Ensure that milk from treated cows does not enter the bulk tank.
* Treated cows are are identified by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Fresh cows and heifers are to be milked into the bucket for 72 hours (3 days) after calving (colostrum).
* Discard milk from quarters that have abnormal milk (mastitis, blood, off-smell, off-colour etc).
* Discard milk from all quarters from a treated animal.
* Check the treatment records (Record 10) to ensure a treated animal has met the appropriate withdrawal time for milk before shipping her milk.
* When an animal calves, check treatment record (Record 10) to make sure the withdrawal times for any dry cow treatments have been met before shipping milk.
* When purchasing new animals, we test the milk and record the results OR obtain a letter of guarantee to ensure withdrawals are met before shipping the milk.
* Before starting to milk a treated cow, disconnect milk hose from milk pipeline and connect milking bucket to pipeline.
* Be sure that the milking bucket has adequate space to milk that cow.
  + Overflowing the bucket will allow treated milk to enter the pipeline, thus the bulk tank.
* Pre-strip the treated cow before prepping teats.
  + Wash gloves off between stripping each quarter.
* Prep teats as you would a normal cow.
* Milk treated animal into milking bucket.
* When milking is complete, pour milk from milking bucket into pail(s).
  + Treated milk is then kept for bull calf feed or disposed of down the drain.
* Rinse milking unit and milk hose out with water hose in parlour after milking treated animal.