

National Conference on  
Interstate Milk Shipments

**NCIMS ASEPTIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE-CRITICAL LISTING  
ELEMENTS for Grade "A" fermented high-acid, shelf-stable  
milk and/or milk products-pH of 4.6 or below obtained by  
fermentation using live and active cultures**

*(To be included with NCIMS State Ratings/HACCP Listings and  
FDA Check Ratings/Audits.)*

MILK PLANT

DATE OF INSPECTION/RATING

ADDRESS

LICENSE/PERMIT NO.

RATING AGENCY

**EXPLANATION OF CONCERNS NOTED REGARDING CRITICAL LISTING ELEMENTS  
UNDER THE NCIMS PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

*(Use additional sheets as necessary.)*

**A narrative description shall be provided as a part of all NCIMS Aseptic Program Committee State Ratings/  
HACCP Listings and FDA Check Ratings/Audits. This report shall include an evaluation of the following  
requirements:**

1. Does the milk plant have an FDA Low-Acid Canned Foods (LACF) Food Canning Establishment (FCE) Number?
2. Are the milk plant's Grade "A" fermented high-acid (FHA), shelf-stable milk and/or milk product(s) produced using an Aseptic-Qualified filler and Product Sterilizer System (AQFPSS) which is under a current FDA LACF 2541g (Food Process Filing for Low-Acid Aseptic Systems)?
3. Are the milk plant's process recommendations for its Grade "A" fermented high-acid, shelf-stable milk and/or milk product(s) developed by a recognized process authority qualified as having expert knowledge of aseptic processes?
4. Have the milk plant's process recommendations for its Grade "A" fermented high-acid, shelf-stable milk and/or milk product(s) been reviewed [with no objections] by the Regulatory Agency prior to production of these products?
5. Are the milk plant's process recommendations that have been reviewed and confirmed by the Regulatory Agency for its Grade "A" fermented high-acid, shelf-stable milk and/or milk product(s) being implemented by the milk plant?
6. Are the operators of the milk plant's aseptic-qualified filler and product sterilizer under the supervision of a person who has attended a school approved by the FDA (such as Better Process Control School or recognized equivalent)?
7. Is the milk plant currently under an "Order of Determination of Need" for an emergency Permit for its LACF filing, or a suspension of food facility registration?