

1. Through the Provincial Chief Secretary,  
Through the Secretary to the Provincial Ministry of In Charge of the Subject,  
All Provincial Directors (Department of Animal Production and Health),  
District Deputy Director/District Veterinary Surgeon  
Veterinary Surgeons
2. Through the Director (Animal Health, Department of Animal Production and Health)  
District Veterinary Investigation Officers
3. Through the Director (Veterinary Research Institute, Department of Animal Production and Health)  
Dairy Engineering Specialist

**Guidelines/Standard Operation Procedure for Milk Collection, Transportation in the milk Collection Chain and Regional Level Milk Selling and Processing**

In accordance with the Animal Diseases Act No. 29 of 1992, the Animal Act No. 59 of 1958 and the disease prevention and control published by the World Organization for Animal Health, the above circular is issued to maintain the quality of milk and prevent spread of diseases.

Furthermore, the new circular is issued in addition to Circulars No. 02/2022, No. 02/2022(i) and No. 05/2025 issued by the Department.

Power is hereby vested to authorized officers to implement the above circular bearing number DAPH/07/2025. The guidelines containing relevant information are published on the website of the Department of Animal Production and Health.

**1. Quality milk production in dairy farms**

Standard methods and good animal husbandry practices for quality milk production in dairy farms should be implemented in accordance with the publication “Good Animal Husbandry Practices for Dairy Farms in Sri Lanka”.

**2. Guidelines/Standard Operation Procedure for milk collection, transportation in the milk collection chain and regional level milk selling and processing**

Standard procedures, guidelines, registration procedures for milk collection, transportation from dairy farm to dairy processing plants and sales outlets and also regional level milk processing should be carried out in accordance with the publication “Guidelines/Standard Operation Procedure for milk collection, transportation in the milk collection chain and regional level milk selling and processing”.

**3. The procedure for the registration and monitoring of the premises and personnel involved in the raw milk collection chain in the Department of Animal Production and Health.**

The places and personnel involved in milk collection, transportation and regional milk processing should be registered at the Government Veterinary Surgeon's Office through the application form mentioned in Annexure 01 and issue a certificate as mentioned in Annexure 02. The relevant Veterinary Surgeon's Office should maintain a record book for the same.

Furthermore, the registration procedure and the relevant checklists should be implemented as per the publication mentioned in No. 2.

**4. The Dairy Technology Laboratory of Veterinary Research Institution of the Department of Animal Production and Health is responsible in monitoring activities and providing recommendation in respect of receiving and storing of milk by milk processing factories. Monitoring and checklists related to the same should be implemented as per the publication mentioned in No. 02.**

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