

## **RAW MILK (HYGIENE AND LABELLING REQUIREMENTS)**

### **SCOPE**

Hygiene and labelling requirements for the circulation of raw milk

### **LATVIAN REGULATIONS**

Cabinet Regulation No. 597, adopted September 6, 2016 "Veterinary, hygiene and safety requirements for the circulation of raw milk"

### **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

Not required

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## **MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS**

The regulations provide for the regulation of the circulation of raw milk. The regulations determine the requirements for animal health and hygiene of farms, the safety requirements for raw milk and the control procedures for raw milk.

The buyer's obligations regarding the provision and frequency of sampling of raw milk are determined - the same requirements apply to the processor. The producer and processor are obliged to keep track of all available information in the raw milk quality database of the Rural Support Service. Criteria have been established for the identification of a raw milk sample suitable for testing, in addition to determining who bears the costs of re-sampling and testing. The manufacturer is obliged to present the test results of the raw milk produced to the buyer for a period of 6 months. Samples of raw milk are marked with a special sample number label with a unique sample number printed on it. There are certain requirements that the buyer must comply with if raw milk is purchased from a raw milk producer in another Member State of the European Union. The National Standardization Institution publishes on its website, on the recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture, in cooperation with the technical committee of standardization, the list of standards that are applied for sampling raw milk and determining the presence of inhibitors.