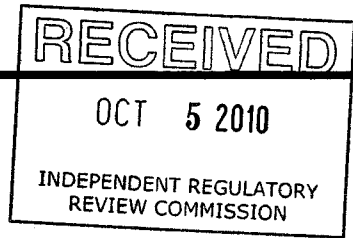


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From: Peter Dawson Buckland [pdb118@psu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:47 AM
To: IRRC; wchirdon@state.pa.us
Subject: Raw Milk Regulation

Dear IRRC and Mr. Chirdon,

As a buyer of raw milk cheeses and a supporter of safe, local, and sustainable agriculture, I am disheartened by some of the new proposed regulations in PDA's new milk regulations. Specifically, I am concerned about 59a.410. The new regulation, taken at face value, implies that the permitholder would need at least one additional room to fill single use containers and then, should they also be a cheeser, they would need additional rooms for wrapping and/or packaging cheese. This is an undue and unnecessary burden on small farmers. I am, like you, concerned about health and safety and in many cases I think that agriculture needs to be more regulated than it is. However, it seems to that these new regulations place an undue and unfair burden on small farmers who have not had the kind of contamination issues that large industrial operations incur simply because of scale.

Please remodify these regulations following PASA's lead.

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John Ehrenfield