processing enterprise shall mean an enterprise that purchases milk or milk raw materials, has production capacities and conditions for production of dairy products of guaranteed quality and safety according to normative documents;

business entity shall mean a legal entity regardless of its ownership form, a natural person – subject of entrepreneurial activity engaged in production, processing and sale of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products;

thermal processing shall mean processing with heating in special equipment;

coordination commission shall mean the commission set up from representatives of enterprises and organizations engaged in production of milk, its processing and sales of dairy products;

milk and dairy product development fund shall mean the fund, formed from contributions of milk producers – business entities from each sold kilogram of milk and each kilogram of milk purchased by processing enterprises.

### Article 2. Domain of the Law

This Law regulates relationships, arising in the process of production, transportation, processing, storage and sales, importing into and exporting outside the customs territory of Ukraine of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products, and extends to business entities engaged in commercial activities in this area.

## Article 3. Fundamentals of the State Policy regarding Quality Assurance and Safety of Milk and Dairy Products

The fundamentals of the state policy regarding assurance of quality and safety of milk and dairy

Milk, milk raw materials and dairy products, produced in Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of Ukraine should meet the indicators of quality and safety established by the effective Ukrainian legislation.

Basic norms of weight fraction of fat and protein in milk are developed and approved of by the central executive authority for agrarian policy jointly with the central executive authority in the sphere of technical regulation and consumer policy.

cannot be returned to circulation by means of decontamination (neutralization), processing, shall be subject to recycling or destruction in keeping with the procedure provided for by law.

### **Article 8. Requirements to Technological Equipment and Related Materials**

Technological equipment, related materials and vehicles, used for transportation and storage of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products, should be manufactured of materials allowed by the central healthcare executive authority to be used for the special purpose and contact with foodstuffs.

### Article 9. Veterinary and Sanitary Requirements to Production of Milk, Milk Raw Materials and Dairy Products

Production of milk, milk raw materials shall be conducted upon obtaining the permit of state institutions of veterinary medicine, dairy products – upon obtaining of the permit from the state sanitary and epidemiological service, issued in keeping with the procedure established by law.

Sale of milk and dairy products without a document certifying epizootic safety of animals in farms, issued free of charge by state institutions of veterinary medicine according to the effective legislation of Ukraine, shall be prohibited.

# Article 10. Organization of Quality Assurance, Safety of Milk, Milk Raw Materials, Dairy Products and Secondary Raw Materials by Producers

Control over the quality and safety of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products shall be carried out by their producers according to the effective legislation by means of:

observation of the conditions of production, storage and sale of milk, milk raw materials, dairy products and secondary raw materials in accordance with normative documents;

establishment and activity of laboratories, equipped with up-to-date devices and appropriate reagents for determination of the indicators of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products.

## Article 11. Attestation of Production of Milk, Milk Raw Materials and Dairy Products

Business entities of all ownership forms (except for private farms, natural persons), engaged in production of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products shall be subject to attestation for compliance with mandatory requ.4(ry)ymilk, mo4()5.2(1(64 Tw[nt)33.9(ticl)6)-5.1(tt.4(iat)7up-g)9.6(qu-)5(ne3

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the following:

change associated with performing of a new activity by a business entity;

change of location of a business entity;

expiry of the term of the certificate.

The certificate of production of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products may be cancelled in the event of violation of the statutory requirements in the sphere of production of specified products, failure to fulfill instructions of an appropriate authority on elimination of violations of production conditions.

Certificate of production of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products shall be issued by an appropriate regional executive authority for agrarian policy.

Attestation of production of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products shall be conducted every 5 years.

The procedure of attestation of production of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products, and the form of the certificate shall be approved by the central executive authority for agrarian policy jointly with the central executive authority for technical regulation and consumer policy.

Production and processing of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products without the certificate of production is prohibited.

A private farm, natural persons that keep cows, sheep, goats, buffalo cows or marrows for production of milk and milk raw materials shall have to obtain appropriate certificates from a veterinary medicine institution at the place of animal keeping.

## **Article 12. Registration of Certified Production**

Information on certified business entities of all ownership forms, enga

to:

establishment of the state sanitary and epidemiologic service;

in issues of observation by the producer of the requirements of normative documents, technical regulation, associated with the quality of

Managerial officials and individuals shall be held liable pursuant to law for violation of the norms of this Law regarding production, processing and sale of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products.

Financial sanctions shall be applied to business entities in the form of fines in the event of absence of the certificate and other documents permitting to perform production and processing of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products, as well as for violation of the requirements to handling of wastes of raw materials, in the event of violation of the requirements to indicators of their quality, safety and technology – in the size of 100 per cent of the cost of products sold.

Financial sanctions shall be applied pursuant to the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

## Article 22. International Cooperation in the Sphere of Ensuring of Proper Quality of Milk, Milk Raw Materials and Dairy Products

International cooperation in the sphere of ensuring of proper quality of milk, milk raw materials and dairy products shall be conducted through:

participation in the work of international organizations;

signing of international agreements;

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