

Information on definition of milk from EB Flory, Agency of Ag, Food and Markets

The definition of milk verbiage under 21 CFR 131.110(a) can be found here:

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/CFRSearch.cfm?fr=131.110>

Here is the definition I provided today:

“(a) Description. Milk is the lacteal secretion, practically free from colostrum, obtained by the complete milking of one or more healthy cows. Milk that is in final package form for beverage use shall have been pasteurized or ultrapasteurized, and shall contain not less than 8 1/4 percent milk solids not fat and not less than 3 1/4 percent milkfat. Milk may have been adjusted by separating part of the milkfat therefrom, or by adding thereto cream, concentrated milk, dry whole milk, skim milk, concentrated skim milk, or nonfat dry milk. Milk may be homogenized.”

The reference points on milk can be from other animals as long as there is FDA approved testing available for that species milk can be found on page 32 of the Pasteurized Milk

Ordinance. Here’s a link to the PMO:

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/Milk/UCM612027.pdf>