

Current and **Proposed** DFO Raw Milk Quality Program Requirements

Quality Measure	Standard (Std)	Test/Inspection Frequency	Penalty applied if	Penalty Levels (\$/hl on monthly shipments)				Shut-off Levels
				1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	
Bacteria	less than 121,000 IBC per ml milk	weekly test <i>all bulk tank samples tested*</i>	6 tests/3 months > Std <i>40% tests/3-month period > Std</i>	3	4	5	5	4 th and subsequent penalty in 12 months
Somatic Cell Count	less than 400,000 IC/ml milk	all bulk tank samples tested	3 weighted avg. test/4 months > Std <i>40% tests/3-month period > Std</i>	3	4	5	5	4 th and subsequent penalty in 12 months
Abnormal Freezing Point**	less than -0.507° C	all bulk tanks samples tested	1 Cryoscope result > Std <i>2 Cryoscope results > Std</i>	2 <i>0</i>	4 <i>3</i>	6 <i>4</i>	8 <i>5</i>	4 th and subsequent penalty in 12 months
Inhibitors***	all samples test negative	once/month plus all loads screened	bulk tank sample is positive	6	9	12	12	2 nd and subsequent penalty in 12 months
Grade A	meet/exceed grade A requirements	every 2-years or more frequent	farm is non-grade A at time of inspection	2	4	8	8	4 th and subsequent penalty in 12 months

*Bulk tank samples must meet sample age criteria to be tested.

**The first freezing point violation results in a warning. Sample will be tested for foreign substance, and if positive, will result in an inhibitor penalty.

***In addition to inhibitor penalty, there is no payment for the shipment of milk that caused the contamination. Load losses and costs are assessed to the producer who caused the contamination.

IBC = individual bacteria count

IC = individual cells