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To Madge E. Ames, Department of Labor and Industry
Re: Dairies

. . . You inquire if a farm dairy which has its own pasteurization plant, bottling machine, and bottle-washing machine and which delivers milk and other dairy products by truck on a regular route is within Section 23 of Chapter 30, R. S. 1954, as amended, which provides:

"No minor under 16 years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment. . ."

It is our opinion that such a farm dairy is not within the prohibition above quoted.

The basis for such opinion is that no new product is created. The milk remains after pasteurization and therefore the dairy cannot be included within the word "manufacturing".

We do not interpret your question to go to whether or not such farm is a mechanical establishment.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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