

# Dairy Grade A Voluntary HACCP

In 1999, the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) initiated a voluntary dairy HACCP pilot program for dairy plants to test the concept that a HACCP program could function as an equal alternative to the numerical ratings that have been used for years to measure a plant's compliance. HACCP is a science-based system used to ensure that food safety hazards are controlled to prevent unsafe food from reaching the consumer. The program utilizes current National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Food (NACMCF) consistent with current FDA recommendations.

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## Program Documents

The voluntary HACCP alternative program requirements that were accepted at NCIMS are identified throughout the NCIMS Program documents below:

- [National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments \(NCIMS\) Model Documents](https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/Milk/ucm2007966.htm)  
(<https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/Milk/ucm2007966.htm>)
  - Evaluation of Milk Laboratories
  - Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance
  - Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/FDA Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments
  - Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers
- [Hazards and Controls Guide For Dairy Foods HACCP, Guidance for Processors, Version 1.1](https://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170404164914/https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/HACCP/UCM292647.pdf)  
(<https://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170404164914/https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/HACCP/UCM292647.pdf>)  
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## References

- [Analysis and Critical Control Point Principles and Application Guidelines -- National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods \(/food/hazard-analysis-critical-control-point-haccp/haccp-principles-application-guidelines\)](#)

## Required Forms

These forms are available on the [FDA Forms Page \(/forms\)](#).

- [Milk Plant, Receiving Station, or Transfer Station NCIMS HACCP System Audit Report, Form FDA 2359m \(/media/69928/download\)](#)
- [NCIMS HACCP System Regulatory Agency Review Report, Form FDA 2359n \(/media/69935/download\)](#)
- [Permission for the Publication of an Interstate Milk Shipper's Listing, Form FDA 2359o \(/media/82304/download\)](#)

## Aids for completion of Required Form FDA 2359m, Milk Plant, Receiving Station, or Transfer Station NCIMS HACCP System Audit Report

- [References for Milk Plant, Receiving Station, or Transfer Station NCIMS HACCP System Audit Report Per 2005 NCIMS Documents](http://www.fda.gov/food/hazard-analysis-critical-control-point-haccp/ncims-haccp-commitment-letter-template) (<http://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170112014721/http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/HACCP/ucm121336.htm>). [⏮](http://www.fda.gov/about-fda/website-policies/website-disclaimer) (<http://www.fda.gov/about-fda/website-policies/website-disclaimer>), August 31, 2007
- [Audit Report Language templates](http://www.fda.gov/food/hazard-analysis-critical-control-point-haccp/ncims-haccp-commitment-letter-template) (<http://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170112014722/http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/HACCP/ucm121080.htm>). [⏮](http://www.fda.gov/about-fda/website-policies/website-disclaimer) (<http://www.fda.gov/about-fda/website-policies/website-disclaimer>), August 31, 2007

### NCIMS HACCP

- [NCIMS HACCP Commitment Letter Template \(/food/hazard-analysis-critical-control-point-haccp/ncims-haccp-commitment-letter-template\)](#)

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