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ODC Website *Member Only* section

Ontario Dairy Council (ODC) will be re-launching the *Members Only* section of the ODC website in early August. The main contact at each Member company will receive an email inviting them to register in order to have access to the area.

This area will host information for Members only including past newsletters, Member and Associate directory, financial statements, etc. Staff will continue to upload content in this section as appropriate. If you have questions or if there is content that you would like to see here, please contact [Mary Beth Holmes](#).

Regulation Changes to The *Milk Act*

Effective June 23, 2023 several changes to Regulation 761 under *The Milk Act* came into effect. The changes include:

Cleaning and Sanitizing a Dairy Plant- A plant is now required to clean and sanitize as often as necessary to maintain a hygienic environment instead of at a set frequency. A written sanitation program that outlines the most appropriate cleaning frequency based on the food safety risk of the plant's processes and products as well as record keeping is also required.

On-farm processors no longer need to attend the Plant Milk Grader (PMG) training program if they only process their own milk and hold a Bulk Tank Milk Grader (BTMG) Certificate.

PMG Certificate Expiries - PMG certificates will now expire up to 5 years after an effective date instead of exactly 5 years from the date of issue.

All of these changes are summarized on the Ontario's Regulatory Registry [here](#). The [e-laws website](#) also provides further details about the changes to Regulation 761.

Questions can be directed to OMAFRA to the attention of [Rick Bond](#) or the [Inspection Program Unit](#).

FPSC Webinar with Hans Dairy

Food Processing Skills Canada (FPSC) hosts a webinar series entitled *Speaking Food*. July's instalment features Sarab Hans and Mandeep Hans from Hans Dairy, an ODC Member. They will be discussing *What No One Tells*

You About Taking Over The Family Business: How To Transition A Company To Second Generation. The webinar takes place July 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is required and is free to attend. More information is available [here](#).

Proposed Deposit/Return System for Beverage Containers

The Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) invited Ontario Dairy Council to participate in a working group to review and evaluate a deposit return system for beverage containers in Ontario. ODC staff have accepted the invitation to attend the first meeting and will keep Members informed of any developments.

Funding

[Strategic Innovation Fund Business Growth](#) - offers up to 50% interest-free loans of no less than \$10 million towards business R&D, commercialization, expansion, growth, investment attraction and reinvestment.

[Canada's Digital Adoption Program](#) - for small and medium Canadian-owned enterprises to help adopt new technologies. Grants are offered to offset the cost of retaining a digital advisor for up to 90% of the cost to develop the digital plan to a maximum of \$15,000.

Upcoming Events

- [International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit](#) - October 16-19, 2023 (Chicago)

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