Milk Tanker Driver

Procurement, supply chain and logistics

Job title	Milk Tanker Driver
Department	Procurement, supply chain and logistics
Reports to	Transport Supervisor
Direct reports	None
Location	*[To be confirmed by the employer]*
Contract type	*[Permanent / fixed-term / other]*
Salary and benefits	*[To be confirmed by the employer]*

Job purpose

Collects raw milk from dairy farms and delivers it safely to the processing site, protecting milk quality at every step. Checks and samples milk before loading, keeps the tanker clean, and drives safely on public roads and farm tracks.

Key responsibilities

Milk collection and checks

- Check the temperature, smell and appearance of milk in each farm tank before loading
- Take representative milk samples using the correct method and label them accurately
- Refuse or report milk that fails checks, following company procedures
- Measure and record milk volumes using tank gauges or on-board meters
- Connect and disconnect hoses carefully to avoid spills and contamination

Hygiene and tanker care

- Keep hoses, couplings, pumps and sampling equipment clean and capped between farms
- Make sure the tanker is cleaned and sanitised to schedule and record each wash
- Follow biosecurity rules on every farm, such as boot washing and keeping to agreed routes
- Carry out daily vehicle checks and report defects before driving

Driving and route

- Drive safely and legally, keeping within driving and rest-hour rules
- Follow the planned collection route and collection times
- Adjust driving for poor weather, narrow lanes and difficult farm access
- Tell the transport office about delays, access problems or missed collections
- Follow the intake and unloading procedure at the processing site

Paperwork and farm relations

- Complete collection records, sample logs and delivery paperwork accurately
- Record collections on handheld or on-board devices

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- Treat farmers and farm staff with courtesy and pass on messages from the office
- Report milk quality concerns, tank faults or access hazards to the farmer and the office

Farm yard and site safety

- Follow farm and site safety rules, including speed limits and reversing procedures
- Watch for people, animals and machinery in farm yards
- Use a guide or reversing aids when visibility is poor
- Wear the correct PPE and use safe access when climbing onto the tanker
- Report accidents, near misses, spills and unsafe access without delay

Qualifications and experience

Essential

- Appropriate large goods vehicle licence for the country of work
- Any driver training card or certificate required in the country of work
- Safe driving record
- Good basic reading, writing and number skills for paperwork and records
- Understanding of food hygiene and why milk must be kept clean and cold
- Willingness to work early starts, weekends and public holidays on a rota

Desirable

- Experience driving tankers or carrying liquid food loads
- Experience of milk collection or work on dairy farms
- Milk sampling or grading training
- Experience using handheld devices or vehicle tracking systems

Skills and attributes

- Safe, patient driving
- Attention to hygiene and detail
- Accurate record keeping
- Good judgement when checking milk
- Clear, polite communication with farmers
- Working well alone
- Route planning and time management
- Reliability and punctuality

Measures of success

- Collections completed on time and to route
- Accurate volumes, samples and paperwork
- No milk contaminated or lost through handling errors
- Tanker hygiene checks and washes completed to schedule
- No road traffic accidents, incidents or vehicle damage
- Positive feedback from farmers and the intake team

Working conditions and safety

Early starts, long shifts, weekends and public holidays on a rota, as milk is collected every day of the year. The work is mostly alone, outdoors in all weather and on farm tracks, and includes climbing onto the tanker,

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connecting hoses and handling sampling equipment.

- Follow health and safety rules and safe systems of work, and wear the correct PPE
- Follow food safety, hygiene, HACCP and quality procedures at all times
- Report hazards, accidents, near misses and concerns promptly

This job description outlines the main duties of the role. It is not a complete list, and the employer may update it as the business changes, in consultation with the jobholder.

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