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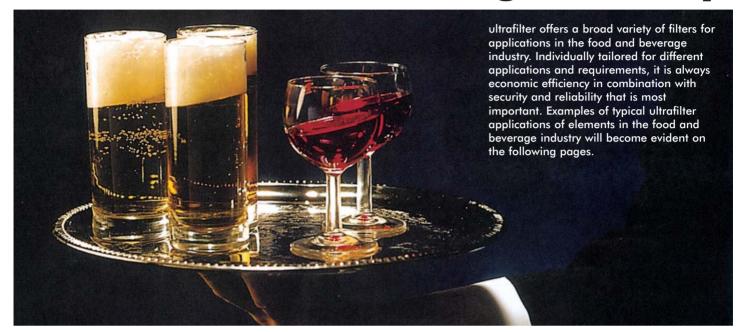






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ultrafilter in the Beverage Industry



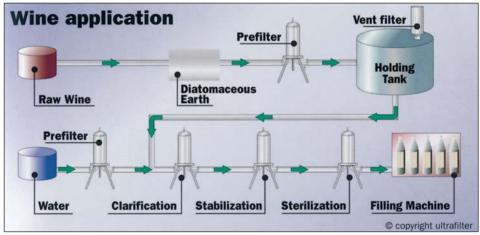
Wine

The filtration of wine should neither affect the taste nor the colour of the wine.

ultrafilter offers depth and membrane filters for the filtration before filling and cold stabilisation after the D.E. filter.

This removes micro-organisms, bacteria and particles effectively without influencing the "spirit of the wine". A typical application in the filtration of wine is shown below







Beer

In the production of beer ultrafilter offers depth and membrane filters for the removal of particles, bacteria and yeast. This process follows the Diatomaceous Earth filtration (D.E. filter) before filling.

Not all breweries have sediment free water sources, it is recommended, for these applications, to filter the water in order to ensure a consistent input quality of the beer.

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ultrafilter in the Food Industry

Dairies

The processing of milk in dairies can be described as follows:

In a first stage the milk is separated into cream and milk with a reduced fat content.

After this separation the milk is usually thermally treated (heated or chilled) to reduce the amount of bacteria or prevent them from growing.



After this second stage the following process should take place under sterile conditions.

- Approved milk
- Milk shakes
- Pudding
- Ice cream
- Milk powder



Beside these products there are other so called sour milk products such as:

- Yoaurt
- Butter
- Créme Fraîche
- Curd

Fresh milk:

Sterile overlay of the intermediate holding tanks and filling.

H-milk and H-milk mixed:

Sterile bracing of the aseptic buffer tanks between the UHT and filling.

Milk mixed:

Sterile overlay of the intermediate holding tanks and filling.



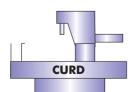
Bacteriophage free operation during cream formation.

Bacteriophage free operation during the culture breeding and storage



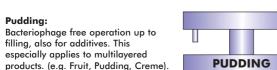
Milk products mixed:

Bacteriophage free operation up to fertilisation. Sterile operation during filling and in the process environment of mixing and preparation.

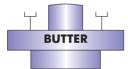


Curd:

Bacteriophage free for starting culture absolutely necessary. Filling under sterile condition (also for additives).









regulations.



· Sterile storage of milk, milk products and additives (e.g. fruit, water or flavours) only in sterile vented and bacteriophage free tanks.

- Transportation of powder products only in sterile compressed air or other sterile filtered gases.
- Purging of storage or holding tanks with a laminar flow of sterile air.
- Regular cleaning and sterilisation with steam, sterile water or chemicals.
- Aseptic filling and packaging of the final product under a sterile atmosphere to prevent bacteria penetration.



The advantage of these sterile conditions are mainly:

- · Best possible and consistent quality
- · Extended shelf life of the product

bacteriological contamination.

- Reduction or exclusion of preservatives
- · Protection from fermentation bacterias and no foreign growth

Sterile conditions improve the market potential of dairies because a longer shelf life could allow them to develop new markets, reduce the loss of products due to foreign growth in the fermentation process, and improve the manufacturing process ensuring consistent quality of the product.

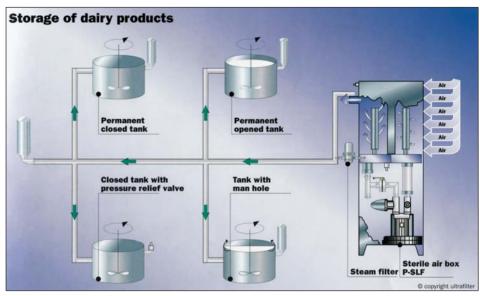
To achieve the required sterile conditions, ultrafilter offers a complete range of products which meet the high demands of the dairy industry and fulfil the requirement for contact with food according to FDA



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Dairies

Typical applications for the sterile storage of dairy products are shown schematically in the picture opposite.



Tank venting and storage with laminar flow of sterile air.

APPLICATIONS	PROCESS MEDIUM	RECOMMENDED ULTRAFILTER SYSTEM	PORE SIZE
Purging of storage and mixing	Air	ultradepth P-SLF	0.01 μm
tanks with sterile air			at 99.999%
Venting of storage and mixing	Air	ultradepth II P-BE	0.01 μm
tanks			at 99.999%
		ultrapolymem P-PF-PP	0.1 - 0.2 μm
		ultrateflomem P-PF-PT	0.1 - 0.45 μm

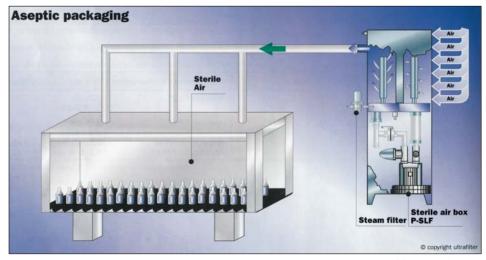
Packaging machines

The food industry is heading more and more in the direction of aseptic packaging or filling and away from thermal treatment or preservatives to extend the shelf life.

This relatively new method has the advantage of an absolute continuous process and a reduction in energy consumption, a better flexibility to store the products and it also avoids the necessity for the cooling of the product since the filling takes place under cold conditions.

Ultrafilter offers specifically for these applications a large variety of solutions to improve the shelf life of the products without using additional additives or preservatives.

One solution for this problem is the sterile air box P-SLF. The function of this system is sometimes integrated into the filling machine by using pre- and sterile filters or the system is used as an external unit.



Aseptic filling/packaging

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