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TO: All Regional Food and Drug Directors
Attn: Regional Milk Specialists

FROM: Dairy and Egg Branch (HFS-316)

SUBJECT: 2007 Revision of the *Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance*

The 2007 Revision of the *Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO)*, which includes provisions from the *Grade "A" Condensed and Dry Milk Products and Condensed and Dry Whey - Supplement I to the Grade "A" PMO*, has been completed and an electronic version (CD) will be provided to the State Regulatory and Rating Agencies. A hard copy will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date.

The 2005 *Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments* document, Section IX., Application of Conference Agreements, A., Implementation of Changes, 2. states: ".. The changes involved, that have been concurred with shall be effective within one (1) year of the electronic publication of the affected documents or notification to the States by IMS-a, following the Conference at which the changes were approved." By transmittal of this Memorandum of Information (M-I-08-5), this is the formal announcement of the electronic publication (CD) of the *PMO*. Therefore, for those States that are not able to officially adopt the changes to the *PMO* through the issuance of IMS-a-46 (Actions of the 2007 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments), the effective date for the changes to the *PMO* is March 24, 2009. For those States that can officially adopt the changes to the *PMO* through the issuance of IMS-a-46, their effective date remains as October 15, 2008 as cited in IMS-a-46.

When the electronic version is posted on the FDA Web Site and when the printed copies of the 2007 Revision of the *PMO* are available for distribution an M-I will be issued announcing the availability of the document.

An electronic version of this memorandum is available, and the *PMO* document, when received, should be distributed to Regional Milk Specialists, State Milk Regulatory Agencies, State Laboratory Evaluation Officers and State Milk Sanitation Rating Officers

in your region. The electronic version should be widely distributed to representatives of the dairy industry and other interested parties and will be available on the CFSAN Web Site at <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov> at a later date.

If you would like an electronic version of this document and/or the 2007 *PMO* (CD) prior to it being available on the CFSAN Web Site, please e-mail your request to robert.hennes@fda.hhs.gov.

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