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To: **Milk Handlers, and Certified Industry Supervisors and Certified Labs Testing for Beta Lactam Antibiotics**

Subject: **Collection and Retention of Confirmed Positive Appendix N Samples**

To allow the State to conduct the necessary quantification of beta lactam residues in confirmed-positive milk samples from repeat violators the following procedure should be used:

- 1) All tanker truck samples and individual producer samples that confirm positive for beta lactams are to be immediately frozen.
- 2) The Certified Industry Supervisor (CIS) is to notify the Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch (MDFS) Regional Office per the Appendix N incident report protocol.
- 3) MDFS will contact the CIS to either confirm that frozen samples will be picked up for quantification, or are not needed. Samples held for over 30 days may be disposed of.

Questions on this protocol may be referred to our Regional Offices at the numbers below:

Fresno, David Krall (559) 445-5506
Oakland, John Macy (510) 622-4810
Ontario, Tony Freeman (909) 923-9929
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Sincerely,

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