



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

August 1, 2017

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Stabilization and Marketing Plans for Market Milk provide that the Milk Movement Requirements will be in effect annually during the period beginning September 1 and continuing through April 30 of the following year. These provisions require that, when needed during this period, "call handlers" may place a call for milk to be used for Class 1 purposes from "designated supply handlers." The terms "call handler" and "designated supply handlers," as well as the requirements when making a call for milk are all specified in the enclosed Milk Movement Provisions.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has decided to implement the Milk Movement performance standard at the 100 percent level for the period of September 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Only designated supply handlers are listed in the enclosed service schedules.

As a reminder, any plant making a call upon a designated supply handler must certify that it has met the requirement of 80 percent or more of Class 1 usage and less than 5 percent of Class 4a and 4b usage during the seven days prior to making the call. Any such certification will be subject to an audit.

The availability of market milk supplies for Class 1 purposes will be closely monitored. The Department may, on its own motion, modify the Milk Movement Requirements on 15 days notice if it later determines that supplies of market milk for Class 1 uses have substantially changed. The Department may also terminate the Milk Movement Requirements on 10 days notice if it determines that supplies of market milk for Class 1 uses have substantially increased.

In accordance with the Milk Movement Requirements, a sample certification form that a call handler may use when requesting market milk is also enclosed. To initiate the call process, the call handler should contact the designated supply handler and the Dairy Marketing Branch with the necessary information shown on the sample certificate.

Sincerely,

Don Shippelhoue, Chief
Dairy Marketing Branch

Enclosures

