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William (Bill) J. Lyons, Jr., Secretary



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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Department of Food and Agriculture received a petition on March 10, 2003 from Land O' Lakes. The petition regards proposed amendments to the Transportation Allowance and Transportation Credit system.

Pursuant to regulation, within fifteen days of the receipt of a petition, the Department must either schedule the matter for public hearing or notify the petitioner in writing that the petition is being denied.

The Department will carefully weigh the merits of Land O' Lake's petition and will respond no later than March 25, 2003 with a decision on whether or not to call a hearing on the matter raised in the petition.

You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting the Dairy Marketing Branch at the telephone number or addresses above. A copy may also be downloaded from the Department's website at www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy. From the home page, click on "Public Hearings" and then on "Petitions Received by the Department".

Should you have any questions concerning the petition or the process by which it is reviewed, please contact Tom Gossard or Eric Erba at the telephone number or e-mail address above.

Sincerely,

David K. Ikari, Chief
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