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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 according to the terms specified in the enclosed Milk Movement Requirements.

The Department has decided to implement the Milk Movement performance standard at the 95 percent level for the period September 1, 2003 to April 30, 2004. 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 Class 1 usage and less than 5 percent 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,

Original signed by:

David K. Ikari, Chief
Dairy Marketing Branch

Enclosures

CALL HANDLER CERTIFICATION FORM

Any call handler who makes a call upon a designated supply handler for market milk must file a certification form with the Department and with the designated supply handler. The certification form will stipulate that the market milk requested will be used for Class 1 purposes and that the call handler meets the standards of a call handler. The following is a sample certification form.

In making a call, the first listed designated supply handler for the current week must be contacted. Only if this handler states that they have already met the 95% utilization requirement can the next handler be called.

Certification of a Call Handler's Request for Bulk Market Milk from a Designated Supply Handler

Call Handler Requesting Milk _____

Designated Supply Handler Asked to Supply Milk _____

Call Handler certifies that it meets the standards of a call handler as specified in Section 100.7 of the Stabilization and Marketing Plan. It satisfies the requirement of 80% or more Class 1 usage and less than 5% Class 4a and 4b usage during the seven-day period immediately prior to the date of making this call. The market milk it has requested will be used only for Class 1 purposes.

Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE:

Please send the Department's Copy to:

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