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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Package Inspection Report Software

We are pleased to announce that Butte and San Luis Obispo Counties have independently developed software programs that automate the Quantity Control Package Inspection Report. Both programs have been verified using a variety of completed reports and the results appear to be correct using either program. The programmers, Julie Lemen with San Luis Obispo County and Dan ShROUT with Butte County, have done a great job automating a complex and tedious package inspection process.

In support of the partnership of California weights and measures jurisdictions both counties are making the programs freely available to other weights and measures officials. Copies of the programs will be made available through the regional Quantity Control (QC) Specialists or by e-mailing the requests to Ron Flores at rflores@cdfa.ca.gov or Sally Tamai at stamai@cdfa.ca.gov. Direct links or downloadable versions of the programs can also be found at:

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/pir/pir.htm>

We strongly encourage all counties to try both of the programs for a period of time to determine which works best for your needs since the feature sets are somewhat different.

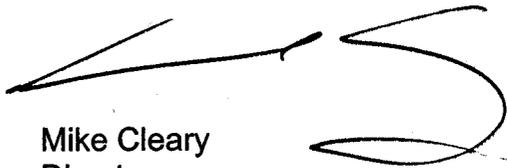
The software is reviewed and updated on an on-going cycle and both programs have gone through a number of version updates. The Division plans to monitor Package Inspection Reports to be sure that current versions are made available as needed. Also, QC Specialists will be available to assist officials with installation or use of either program.

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To manage feedback to the program developers, your regional specialist will collect and route constructive suggestions or recommendations for further improvements or modifications. E-mail and written notes, addressed to your regional QC Specialist, are the preferred methods of submitting feedback. As might be expected, the programmers are not able to manage and respond to telephone calls from individual users.

In closing, I wish to offer a personal thank you to the programmers and the counties for their role in improving California weights and measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized name.

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