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TO: All Regional Food and Drug Directors
Attn: Regional Milk Specialists

FROM: Dairy and Egg Branch (HFS-316)

SUBJECT: 2011 Revision of the *Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments*

The 2011 Revision of the *Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (Procedures)*, including the *Constitution and Bylaws* of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, and Related Documents, has been completed and an electronic version is being provided with this M-I. A hard copy will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date.

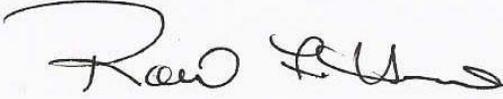
The 2011 *Procedures* will become effective within one (1) year following the issuance of this M-I with its corresponding electronic publication (October 28, 2012); or by the official notification to the States through the transmittal of an IMS-a, as applicable, following the NCIMS Conference at which the changes were passed. For States that can legally enforce the new regulations based on the issuance of IMS-a-48, the effective date for the 2011 *Procedures* will be October 28, 2012.

NOTE: There were not any changes to the *Constitution of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (Constitution)* and the *Bylaws of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (Bylaws)*.

When the electronic version of the 2011 Revision of the *Procedures* is posted on the FDA Web Site an M-I will be issued announcing the availability of the document on the FDA Web Site.

Copies of this memorandum and the 2011 *Procedures* document, when received, should be distributed to Regional Milk Specialists, State Milk Regulatory Agencies, State Laboratory Evaluation Officers and State Milk Sanitation Rating Officers in your region. This information should also be widely distributed to representatives of the dairy industry and other interested parties and will be available on the FDA Web Site at <http://www.fda.gov> at a later date.

If you would like an electronic version of this document and/or the 2011 *Procedures* prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site, please e-mail your request to Robert.Hennes@fda.hhs.gov.

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