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TO: Director, Office of State Cooperative Programs
Attn: All Staff, Division of Milk Safety

FROM: Milk and Milk Products Branch (HFS-316)

SUBJECT: 2017 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 2017 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 of the 2017 *Procedures* will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date.

The 2017 *Procedures* will become effective within one (1) year following the issuance of this M-I with its corresponding electronic publication (January 19, 2019); 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-51, the effective date for the 2017 *Procedures* will be December 6, 2018.

> **NOTE:** The 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) became effective at the close of the Conference at which they are adopted.

When the electronic version of the 2017 Revision (508 compliant) 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 2017 *Procedures* document, when received, should be distributed to FDA Milk Specialists, Milk Regulatory/Rating Agencies, Laboratory Evaluation Officers and Milk Sanitation Rating Officers. 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 2017 *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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