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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 *Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers and the Certifications/Listings of Single-Service Containers and/or Closures for Milk and/or Milk Products Manufacturers*

The 2017 Revision of the *Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers and the Certifications/Listings of Single-Service Containers and/or Closures for Milk and/or Milk Products Manufacturers (MMSR)* has been completed and an electronic version is being provided with this M-I. A hard copy of the 2017 *MMSR* will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date.

The 2017 *MMSR* will become effective within one (1) year following the issuance of this M-I and its corresponding electronic publication (February 26, 2019); or by the official notification to the States through the transmittal of an IMS-a, as applicable, following the 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 *MMSR* will be December 6, 2018.

When the electronic version of the 2017 Revision (508 compliant) of the *MMSR* is posted on the FDA Web Site an M-I will be issued announcing the availability of the document on the Web Sites.

Copies of this memorandum and the 2017 *MMSR* 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 memorandum and/or the 2017 *MMSR* prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site or NCIMS Web Site, please e-mail your request to Robert.Hennes@fda.hhs.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hennes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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