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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 Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML)

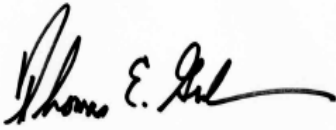
The 2017 Revision of the *Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML)*, has been completed and an electronic version will be provided to the Regulatory and Rating Agencies and Laboratory Agencies. A hard copy will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the document, please forward your request to either Dr. Thomas Graham, CFSAN's Laboratory Proficiency and Evaluation Team (LPET) or to Monica Metz.

By transmittal of this Memorandum of Information (M-I-18-17), this is the formal announcement of the electronic publication of the 2017 Revision of the *EML*. Therefore, for those States that are not able to officially adopt the changes to the *EML* through the issuance of IMS-a-51 (Actions of the 2017 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments), the effective date for the changes to the *EML* is July 20, 2019. For those States that can officially adopt the changes to the *EML* through the issuance of IMS-a-50, their effective date remains December 6, 2018 as cited in IMS-a-51.

When the electronic version is posted on the FDA Web Site and/or National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) Web Site and when the printed copies of the 2017 Revision of the *EML* are available for distribution an M-I will be issued announcing the availability of the document.

An electronic version of this memorandum is available, and the *EML* document when received, should be distributed to Milk Specialists, Milk Regulatory/Rating Agencies, Laboratory Evaluation Officers and Milk Sanitation Rating Officers in your region. The electronic version should 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 Revision of the *EML* prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site, please e-mail your request to either Thomas.Graham@fda.hhs.gov or Monica.Metz@fda.hhs.gov.



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