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

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

SUBJECT: 2019 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 2019 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 2019 *Procedures* will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date.

The 2019 *Procedures* will become effective within one (1) year following the issuance of this M-I with its corresponding electronic publication (May 12, 2021); 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-52 (Revised), the effective date for the 2019 *Procedures* will be January 24, 2021.

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)* become effective at the close of the Conference at which they are adopted.

Copies of this memorandum and the 2019 *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 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 2019 *Procedures* prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site, please e-mail your request to monica.metz@fda.hhs.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Metz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

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