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

The 2019 *MMSR* will become effective within one (1) year following the issuance of this M-I and its corresponding electronic publication (May 20, 2021); 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-52 (Revised), the effective date for the 2019 *MMSR* will be January 24, 2021.

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 2019 Revision of the *MMSR* are available for distribution an M-I will be issued announcing the availability of the document.

Copies of this memorandum and the 2019 *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 2019 *MMSR* prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site or NCIMS Web Site, please e-mail your request to [monica.metz@fda.hhs.gov](mailto: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 flourish extending from the end of the name.

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