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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: 2023 Revision of the *Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO)*,

2023 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),

2023 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),

2023 Revision of the Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML) are available on the FDA’s website.

The 2023 Revisions of the *Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO)*, *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)*, *Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (Procedures)*, and the *Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML)* have been completed and electronic versions will be provided to the Regulatory and Rating Agencies and may be accessed from FDA’s website at <https://www.fda.gov/food/milk-guidance-documents-regulatory-information/national-conference-interstate-milk-shipments-ncims-model-documents>.

The 2023 *Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments* document, Section XI., Application of Conference Agreements, A., Implementation of Changes, 2. states: “The changes involved, that have been concurred with shall be effective within one (1) year of the electronic publication of the affected documents or

notification to the States by IMS-a, following the Conference at which the changes were approved.”

By transmittal of this Memorandum of Information (M-I-24-2), this is the formal announcement of the electronic publication of the 2023 Revision of the *PMO*. Therefore, for those States that are not able to officially adopt the changes to the *PMO* through the issuance of IMS-a-53 (Actions of the 2023 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments), the effective date for the changes to the *PMO* is August 9, 2025. For those States that can officially adopt the changes to the *PMO* through the issuance of IMS-a-53, their effective date remains March 27, 2024, as cited in IMS-a-53.

An electronic version of this memorandum is available for distribution to FDA Milk Specialists, State Milk Regulatory Agencies, State Laboratory Evaluation Officers, and State Rating Officers. The electronic version should be widely distributed to representatives of the dairy industry and other interested parties and will also be available on the FDA web site at <https://gams.fda.gov/>.

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