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TO: All Regional Food and Drug Directors
Attn: Regional Milk Specialists

FROM: Milk Safety Team (HFS-626)

SUBJECT: Selection Of The Three Third Party Certifiers To Participate In The National Conference On Interstate Milk Shipments' Voluntary International Certification Pilot Program

The National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments' (NCIMS) International Certification Pilot Program (ICPP) Committee has selected the following three (3) Third Party Certifiers (TPCs) to participate in the NCIMS Voluntary International Certification Pilot Program. The ICPP will institute a fourth (4th) option for the listing of ICPP milk companies (MCs) in the Interstate Milk Shippers (IMS) List to provide a means for NCIMS member States to accept Grade "A" milk and milk products from these IMS Listed ICPP milk companies. The three (3) TPCs will implement, regulate, enforce, rate and verify compliance with the regulations contained in the most current edition of the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and related NCIMS documents for the purpose of listing a maximum of two (2) ICPP milk companies per TPC in areas outside of the boundaries of the United States. Listing of milk companies in the IMS List during the NCIMS voluntary ICPP will enable the importation of Grade "A" Milk and Milk Products into the United States from those milk processing plants located outside of the U.S. boundaries.

The NCIMS Grade "A" Milk Program and the PMO require that all Grade "A" milk and milk products in interstate commerce and all Grade "A" milk and milk products submitted for importation into the United States come from a source listed in the IMS List. The IMS List may be viewed at the following Web Site: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~ear/prime.html>.

The NCIMS Voluntary International Certification Pilot Program will pilot this fourth (4th) option for milk companies located outside of the United States. The ICPP shall:

- Comply with all of the applicable requirements of the Grade "A" PMO and related NCIMS documents.
- Continue to ensure the same level of milk safety provided within the current NCIMS program.

- Provide a means for NCIMS member States to accept Grade “A” milk and milk products from IMS Listed TPC milk companies.

The ICPP Committee is charged with evaluating the ICPP and reporting back to the 2007 NCIMS Conference (May 5-10, 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah) on the progress of the ICPP and to make recommendations regarding its viability as an NCIMS function. This ICPP is scheduled to operate through December 31, 2007 unless it is extended by way of future NCIMS conference action. The ICPP Committee plans to submit a Proposal at the 2007 Conference seeking an extension of the voluntary pilot program to operate through December 31, 2009.

Milk Companies that are interested in importing Grade “A” Milk and Milk Products into the U.S., under this voluntary pilot program, should contact the following TPCs:

- **Milk Regulatory Consultants, LLC**

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Please refer to the CFSAN Web Site, Memorandum of Information (M-I-06-17) and the ICPPC “Policy and Procedures” Document at www.cfsan.fda.gov/~ear/mi-index.html for information on the operation of this voluntary pilot program.

For additional information concerning the NCIMS' Voluntary International Certification Pilot Program they should be directed to one of the following:

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