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

FROM: Dairy and Egg Branch (HFS-316)

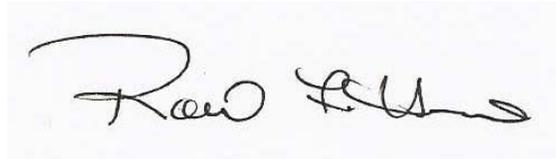SUBJECT: 2007 Revision of the *Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers*

The 2007 Revision of the *Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers* (*MMSR*) has been completed and an electronic version is being provided with this M-I. A hard copy will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date.

The 2007 *MMSR* will become effective within one (1) year following the issuance of this M-I and its corresponding electronic publication (January 7, 2009); 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-46, the effective date for the 2007 *MMSR* will be October 15, 2008.

When the electronic version of the 2007 Revision of the *MMSR* is posted on the FDA Web Site an M-I will be issued announcing the availability of the document.

Copies of this memorandum and the 2007 *MMSR* document, when received, should be distributed to Regional Milk Specialists, State Milk Regulatory Agencies, State Laboratory Evaluation Officers and State Milk Sanitation Rating Officers in your region. 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.cfsan.fda.gov at a later date.

If you would like an electronic version of this memorandum and/or the 2007 *MMSR* prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site, please e-mail your request to Robert.Hennes@fda.hhs.gov.

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