TO: All Regional Food and Drug Directors
    Attn: Regional Milk Specialists
FROM: Milk and Milk Products Branch (HFS-316)
SUBJECT: 2015 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 2015 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 will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date.

The 2015 MMSR will become effective within one (1) year following the issuance of this M-I and its corresponding electronic publication (January 29, 2017); 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-50, the effective date for the 2015 MMSR will be November 16, 2016.

When the electronic version of the 2015 Revision of the MMSR is posted on the FDA Web Site and/or National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) Web Site an M-I will be issued announcing the availability of the document on the Web Sites.

Copies of this memorandum and the 2015 MMSR document, when received, should be distributed to Regional Milk Specialists, Milk Regulatory/Rating Agencies, Laboratory Evaluation Officers and 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.fda.gov and/or NCIMS Web Site at http://ncims.org at a later date.
If you would like an electronic version of this memorandum and/or the 2015 MMSR prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site or NCIMS Web Site, please e-mail your request to Robert.Hennes@fda.hhs.gov.

Robert F. Hennes, RS, MPH
CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service
Dairy and Egg Branch