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

FROM:  Milk and Milk Products Branch (HFS-316) 

SUBJECT:  2015 Revision of the Evaluation of Milk Laboratories 

The 2015 Revision of the Evaluation of Milk Laboratories (EML) document has been completed and an electronic version is being provided to the Regulatory, Rating and Laboratory Agencies. A hard copy will be provided to the printers and will be available for general distribution at a later date. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the document, please forward your request to either Dr. Thomas Graham, CFSAN's Laboratory Proficiency and Evaluation Team (LPET) or to CAPT Robert Hennes.

By transmittal of this Memorandum of Information (M-I-16-5), this is the formal announcement of the electronic publication of the 2015 Revision of the EML. Therefore, for those States that are not able to officially adopt the changes to the EML through the issuance of IMS-a-50 (Actions of the 2015 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments), the effective date for the changes to the EML is April 27, 2017. For those States that can officially adopt the changes to the EML through the issuance of IMS-a-50, their effective date remains November 16, 2016 as cited in IMS-a-50.

When the electronic version of the 2015 Revision of the EML 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 FDA Web Site.

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

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