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

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

SUBJECT: Submission of Questions Related To Automatic Milking Installations (AMIs)

FDA has decided that a task force will be created for working on the subject of AMIs. The task force will be chaired by Monica Metz, Chief of the Milk and Milk Products Branch (MMPB) within the Division of Dairy, Egg and Meat Products (DDEMP) at CFSAN. Members of the task force will include members of the MMPB, as well as Regional Milk Specialists (RMSs). The task force will be responsible for considering all matters relative to AMIs and recommending policy on the same.

Dr. Stephen Walker and Randy Elsberry of the MMPB have been designated by Monica Metz to be primarily responsible for AMI matters.

Effective immediately, all enquiries from parties and stakeholders of FDA relative to AMIs shall be referred to Monica Metz. This includes enquiries from AMI manufacturers and installers, dairy producers and State Regulatory/Rating personnel.

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An electronic version of this memorandum is available for distribution to Regional Milk Specialists, Regulatory/Rating Agencies and Milk Sanitation Rating Officers in your region. 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 http://www.fda.gov at a later date.

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