September 8, 2003

TO:   Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT:  Notice of Hearing

Enclosed is a notice of a public hearing which is being held to consider proposals to amend all Federal milk orders, including the Upper Midwest Order. The proposals would reclassify evaporated milk in consumer-type packages and sweetened condensed milk in consumer-type packages from Class III products to Class IV products. Another proposal would reclassify bulk ending inventory each month to the lower-priced class of Class III or Class IV.

Proponents have requested that the proposals be handled on an emergency basis.

The hearing will convene at 8:30 a.m. on October 21, 2003 at the following location:
   Holiday Inn and Suites Alexandria (Historic District)
   625 First Street
   Alexandria, Virginia  22314
   Telephone:  (703) 548-6300 or (877) 732-3318

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