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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Tentative Decision to Amend All Federal Milk Marketing Orders

A tentative decision was recently issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, which adopts, on an interim final and emergency basis, proposals that will amend the classification of milk use provisions to reclassify milk used to produce evaporated milk in consumer-type packages and sweetened condensed milk in consumer-type packages from Class III to Class IV in the Upper Midwest and all other Federal milk orders. Additionally, public comments on these adopted provisions and the proposal to reclassify ending bulk milk inventory, which is not adopted by this tentative final decision, are requested. A summary of the changes made by this decision and a related news release are enclosed.

A paper copy of this decision can be obtained by calling Harold Ferguson of my staff toll free at 1-800-301-8224, Ext. 231. An electronic version of the document is also available on our web site at www.fmma30.com.

Cooperative associations will be polled to determine whether producers favor the issuance of the order. The order may not be made effective unless cooperative associations representing at least two-thirds of the eligible producers favor its issuance.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz
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Enclosures