

## **UPPER MIDWEST MARKETING AREA**

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Agricultural Marketing Service Dairy Programs

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TO: Handlers on the Upper Midwest Order

SUBJECT: Request to Reduce Shipping Requirements and Diversion Limits

On December 23, 2016, we received a request from the Upper Midwest Marketing Agency (UMMA), on behalf of its members, to reduce shipping requirements in the Upper Midwest Order, F.O. 30, from 10% to 7.5%, pursuant to §1030.7(c), §1030.7(f) and §1030.7(g), beginning in March 2017. In addition, the request would increase the diversion limits from 90% to 92.5% pursuant to §1030.13(d)(2) and §1030.13(d)(3).

The members of UMMA are: Associated Milk Producers, Inc.; Bongards' Creameries; Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.; Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery; The First District Association; Foremost Farms USA, Cooperative; Land O'Lakes, Inc.; National Farmers Organization, Inc.; and Plainview Milk Products Cooperative.

On December 24, we received a similar request from Central Milk Producers Cooperative (CMPC) on behalf of its members. CMPC requested the same changes in shipping percentages and diversion limits as in the UMMA request, also beginning March 2017.

The CMPC members are: Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.; FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative; Foremost Farms USA, Cooperative; Land O'Lakes, Inc.; National Farmers Organization, Inc.; Scenic Central Milk Producers Cooperative Association; and Swiss Valley Farms Cooperative.

A copy of the requests can be found on our website at:

www.fmma30.com/ShippingRequirements.html.

These adjustments are being considered in accordance with §1030.7(g) of the Upper Midwest Order, which allows the Market Administrator to revise the shipping percentages and diversion limits. You are invited to submit data, views, and arguments concerning this matter. Comments must be received, in writing, by this office on or before January 30, 2017 to be considered.

If you have any questions about this, please contact this office.

/s/ Victor J. Halverson Market Administrator