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### Mideast Handlers:

The shipping standard for plants qualified under §1033.7(d) has been reduced by 10 percentage points in all months effective August 2015. This results in lowering the standard for the month of August from 35 percent to 25 percent, for the months of September through November from 40 percent to 30 percent, and for the months of December through July from 30 percent to 20 percent. The aggregate percentage in §1033.7(d)(2) is reduced from 30 percent to 20 percent. Effective in August 2015 §1033.7(d) has been revised to read as follows:

(d) A plant located in the marketing area and operated by a cooperative association if, during the months of December through July **20** percent, during the month of August **25** percent and during the months of September through November **30** percent or more of the producer milk of members of the association is delivered to a distributing pool plant(s) or to a nonpool plant(s) and classified as Class I. Deliveries for qualification purposes may be made directly from the farm or by transfer from such association's plant, subject to the following conditions: ...

(2) The **20** percent delivery requirement for the months of December through July may be met for the current month or it may be met on the basis of deliveries during the preceding 12-month period ending with the current month.

The diversion limit for producer milk diverted by pool plants to nonpool plants under §1033.13(d)(4) has been increased by 10 percentage points in all months effective August 2015. The nonpool diversion percentages are increased from 50 percent to 60 percent for the months of August through February and from 60 percent to 70 percent for March through July. Effective August 2015 §1033.13(d)(4) has been revised to read as follows:

(4) Of the total quantity of producer milk received during the month (including diversions but excluding the quantity of producer milk received from a handler described in §1000.9(c) or which is diverted to another pool plant), the handler diverted to nonpool plants not more than **60** percent in each of the months of August through February and **70** percent in each of the months of March through July.

The adjustments were requested by Mideast Milk Federation Inc. The Mideast Milk Federation is a federation of cooperatives on Federal Order 33 consisting of Michigan Milk Producers Association, Foremost Farms USA, Dairy Farmers of America, National Farmers

Organization, and Select Milk Producers. The group cited the continuing trend of increasing production and declining Class I sales as the reason for the request and seeks to avoid uneconomical movements of milk to remain qualified. In accordance with §1033.7(g) and §1033.13(d)(7) industry comments were requested and no comments were received. Market data supports the claims made by the Mideast Federation.

The adjustments in both sections will be in place until further notice. The Mideast Federation had requested the changes to be granted until further notice to allow the market to function without repeated efforts to modify the provisions and will result in more efficient business planning. The shipping standards were previously lowered in all months in response to several requests in the past 12 months. The diversion limits have also been adjusted 7 of the last 12 months. The market administrator finds that the continuity of having the adjustments in place until further notice will assist with preventing uneconomical shipments and help to assure orderly marketing conditions.

As provided under the terms of the Mideast Order under §1033.7(g) and §1033.13(d)(7), if market conditions should change, the market administrator may review, on her own initiative or at the request of interested parties, the need for any further adjustment or a return to original provisions. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



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Market Administrator