



UPPER MIDWEST MARKETING AREA
Federal Order No. 30

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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area
SUBJECT: Interim Final Rule to Become Effective May 1, 2004

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture recently issued an Interim Final Rule for all Federal milk marketing orders. The decision amends certain classification of milk provisions in all Federal milk marketing orders on an interim basis, effective May 1, 2004.

The Interim Final Rule reclassifies milk used to produce evaporated milk in consumer-type packages or sweetened condensed milk in consumer-type packages from Class III to Class IV. More than the required number of producers in each Federal milk order have approved the issuance of the interim order as amended.

The Interim Final Rule states that good cause exists for making these interim order amendments effective May 1, 2004, and that it would be contrary to the public interest to delay the effective date of these amendments for 30 days after their publication in the **Federal Register**. The amended order, therefore, is effective May 1, 2004.

A paper copy of the decision can be obtained by calling Harold Ferguson of my staff toll free at (888) 301-8224, Ext. 231. An electronic version of the document is available on our web site at: <http://www.fmma30.com/News/InterimFinal-04-04.pdf>.

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