

order regulating the handling of milk in the Iowa marketing area is being considered for September 1, 1998, through November 30, 1998.

All persons who desire to submit written data, views or arguments about the proposed revision should send two copies of their views to USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Order Formulation Branch, Room 2971, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456 by the 30th day after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The filing period is limited to 30 days because a longer period would not provide the time needed to complete the required procedures and include September in the temporary revision period.

All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection in the Dairy Programs offices during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

#### Statement of Consideration

The provision proposed to be revised is the percentage of a supply plant's receipts required to be shipped to pool distributing plants pursuant to § 1079.7(b) of the Iowa Federal milk marketing order (Order 79). As proposed, the percentage of a supply plant's receipts that must be shipped to pool distributing plants (fluid milk plants) if the supply plant is to be considered a pool plant would be decreased by the maximum allowable 10 percentage points, from 35 percent to 25 percent for the period September 1, 1998, through November 30, 1998.

Section 1079.7(b)(1) of the Iowa milk marketing order allows the Deputy Administrator, Dairy Programs, to reduce or increase a pool supply plant's minimum shipping requirement by up to 10 percentage points to prevent uneconomic milk shipments or to assure an adequate supply of milk for fluid use.

Beatrice Cheese, Inc. (Beatrice), a proprietary manufacturer of dairy products in Fredericksburg, Iowa, is regulated under Order 79 as a pool supply plant. Beatrice requested that the shipping percentage be reduced by 10 percentage points for the months of September through November 1998. The handler's request states that this decrease is warranted due to the fact that current raw milk supplies available for fluid use exceed the needs of the fluid milk plants in Order 79. Beatrice states that if the pool supply shipping percentages remain unchanged, Beatrice will be forced to move milk uneconomically or unfairly depool some milk produced by Iowa dairymen, denying them participation in the Order 79 pool.

In view of the current supply and demand relationship, it may be necessary to decrease the shipping percentage requirements for pool supply plants to provide for the efficient and economic marketing of milk during the period September 1, 1998, through November 30, 1998.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1079

Milk marketing orders.

The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1079 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Dated: July 21, 1998.

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#### NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

##### 7 CFR Part 1301

#### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Northeast Dairy Compact Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Compact Commission will hold its monthly meeting to consider whether to adopt as a Final rule the Proposed Rule to amend the current Compact Over-order Price Regulation to exclude milk from the pool which is either diverted or transferred, in bulk, out of the Compact regulated area. The Commission will also consider whether to adopt as a Final Rule the Proposed Rule to establish a reserve fund for reimbursement to school food authorities. Matters relating to administration and the price regulation to include the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees and action upon the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws as noticed to the Commission at the July 1, 1998 are also scheduled.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 1998 to commence at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Capitol Room, 172 North Main Street, Concord, NH (exit 14 off I-93).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 43 State Street, PO Box 1058, Montpelier, VT 05601. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Compact Commission will hold its

monthly meeting to consider whether to adopt as a Final rule the Proposed Rule to amend the current Compact Over-order Price Regulation to exclude milk from the pool which is either diverted or transferred, in bulk, out of the Compact regulated area. The proposal will limit the payment of the compact over-order producer price to milk disposed of within the Compact regulated area. The Commission will also consider whether to adopt as a Final Rule the Proposed Rule to establish a reserve fund for reimbursement to school food authorities. The current Compact Over-order Price Regulation is codified at 7 CFR 1300 through 1308. The proposed reserve fund is required to implement the previously issued regulation exempting certain milk sold by school food authorities from the Over-order Price Regulation. Matters relating to administration and the price regulation to include the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees and action upon the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws as noticed to the Commission at the July 1, 1998, as required, are also scheduled.

(Authority: (a) Article V, Section 11 of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, and 7 U.S.C. 7256.)

**Kenneth Becker,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Food and Drug Administration

##### 21 CFR Part 20

[Docket No. 98N-0518]

#### Public Information; Communications With State and Foreign Government Officials

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to amend its regulations governing communications with State and foreign government officials. The proposed rule would permit FDA to disclose confidential commercial information to international organizations having responsibility to facilitate global or regional harmonization of standards and requirements. These disclosures would, in almost all instances, occur only with