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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ANNOUNCEMENT DAIRY-5

## **AMENDMENT 7 TO ANNOUNCEMENT DAIRY-5** PURCHASE OF BULK DAIRY PRODUCTS

The purpose of this Amendment is to:

- Require that security seals meeting certain minimum requirements be applied to the transportation conveyance.
- Change the container marking specifications to require the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) grading certificate number instead of the contract number. Also, to delete provisions relating to marking unitized commodity and deferral of markings when delivery is accepted by CCC in a CCC-approved warehouse.

Effective with contracts made on or after February 14, 2005.

Section 10. SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY-TRANSFER OF TITLE, Paragraph A., subparagraph (3) is amended to add subparagraph (e) as follows:

(e) Security Seals-Suppliers of commodities, products and/or services shall be responsible for placing a seal(s) on all doors of each transportation conveyance upon completion of loading or servicing. The seal numbers(s) shall be entered on the bill of lading, which must be signed or acknowledged by the carrier or its agent. Seals shall be sequentially numbered, barrier-type, and meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards. Seals shall be 1/8-inch diameter cable, high security bolt, or equivalent.

Information on ASTM Standards may be found at www.astm.org.

Effective immediately, Appendix 2, Part 4, Paragraph H, (page 15), is amended to read as follows:

H. In addition, the AMS grading certificate number or AMS takeoff grading certificate number, when applicable, (both hereinafter referred to as "certificate number") shall be applied to each commodity container at the expense of contractor. The lot's final certificate number issued by AMS, i.e. takeoff certificate number, shall be the only certificate number marked on the commodity containers of the lot offered and delivered to CCC. At contractor's option and risk, the certificate number may be applied to each commodity container at time of packaging. To obtain a series of certificate numbers for application at time of packaging, contact Dairy Grading Branch, Dairy Programs, AMS

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