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TO: Director, Office of State Cooperative Programs
Attn: All Staff, Division of Milk Safety

FROM: Milk and Milk Products Branch (HFS-316)

SUBJECT: Guidance Related To The Check Ratings For Automatic Milking
Installations (AMIs)

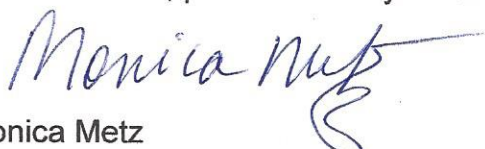
This M-I, effective immediately, is intended to provide guidance and clarification as to how AMIs are to be evaluated during federal check ratings until the implementation of the PMO to be published after the 2019 conference.

The following represents FDA's analysis on the design of each manufacturer's currently marketed unit based on FDA's interpretation of PMO requirements, as will be detailed in the forthcoming supplements to M-I-14-8.

Based on FDA's evaluations, the maximum debit any non-compliant AMI equipment will incur for design deficiencies will be a single debit, not to exceed 4 points. No repeat violation penalties will be assessed for any debits on federal check ratings of AMI equipment for design.

An electronic version of this memorandum is available for distribution to FDA Milk Specialists, Regulatory/Rating Agencies and Milk Sanitation Rating Officers. The electronic version should be widely distributed to representatives of the dairy industry and other interested parties and will also be available on the FDA Web Site at <http://www.fda.gov> at a later date.

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