

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board

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Date: March 27, 2019

Re: Proposed amendment to 7 Pa Code sec 143.15

Cooperative disclosure of over-order premium to members

To: Potentially interested parties

From: Doug Eberly

The Board was petitioned by Representative John Lawrence to issue an Official General Order, or other similar action, requiring that milk checks issued by cooperatives to Pennsylvania dairy farmers contain a line item stating the amount of Pennsylvania overorder premium included in the payment. The Board determined that the best way to consider Representative Lawrence's petition was through the regulatory review process and possible adoption of a new regulation.

The Board will hold a public hearing on May 1, 2019, in Room 309 of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Building, beginning at 1:15 pm, to receive testimony and comments regarding the petition and proposed amendment.

A first draft of the proposed regulatory amendment is attached. The hearing notice is also attached. Representative Lawrence's petition is available on the Board's website at https://www.mmb.pa.gov/Public%20Hearings/Pages/default.aspx; once on the Board's website scroll to the section titled "May 1, 2019: Amendment to 7 Pa Code ch. 143."

If you have any questions regarding the hearing, please contact Doug Eberly at 717-836-3115 or at deberly@pa.gov.



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NOTICE OF HEARING AMENDMENT TO 7 PA. CODE CHAPTER 143 TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN DEALERS AND PRODUCERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Milk Marketing Board ("Board") will conduct a public hearing on May 1, 2019, commencing at 1:15 p.m. in Room 309 of the Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and comments regarding proposed amendments to 7 Pa. Code Chapter 143 (relating to transactions between dealers and producers). The proposed amendments relate to cooperatives providing a line item on monthly statements to their dairy farmer members listing the amount of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board overorder premium paid, pursuant to sections 301, 307, and 608 of the Milk Marketing Law (31 P.S. §§ 700j-301, 700j-307, and 700j-608).

Any interested person desiring to offer testimony or comments shall provide to the Board notification of their desire to participate either electronically to deberly@pa.gov or by filing at the Board office at Milk Marketing Board, Room 110 Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110 by 2:00 pm on April 19, 2019.

A draft of the proposed amendments will be available on the Board's website at https://www.mmb.pa.gov/Public%20Hearings/Pages/default.aspx on or before April 12, 2019.

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Tim Moyer, Secretary

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ANNEX A TITLE 7. AGRICULTURE PART VI. MILK MARKETING BOARD CHAPTER 143. TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN DEALERS AND PRODUCERS PAYMENT

143.15. Cooperative disclosure of over-order premium

Cooperatives shall show by line item on their monthly statements to dairy farmers marketing milk through the cooperative the specific amount of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board over-order premium being paid.