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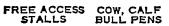


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Filled Milk Regulated

culture has amended Federal operative associations milk marketing orders as of Jan 1 to provide specific ways for taining either fresh liquid skim regulating the dairy ingredients milk, or skim milk reconstituted of filled milk

keting Service officials said the of the natural butterfat Filled action was taken after the re- milk will be designated as Class quired approval of two-thirds I (fluid milk) under Federal (three-fourths in five of the or- milk orders ders) of daily farmers supply-

The U.S Department of Agri- determined by polling their co-

Filled milk is a beverage confrom nonfat dry milk, with add-USDA's Consumer and Mar- ed vegetable fat or oil in place

C&MS officials said the ing each order area. This was amended orders are based on a

public hearing in February, April and May 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. Today's action and an earlier one on the Central Arizona order, now add the filled milk provisions to all but four Federal milk orders The Georgia and Southeastern Minnesota-Northern Iowa orders, not in effect at the time of the hearing, are not included Action on the Minneapolis St Paul and Mississippi orders is deferred until consideration is given to the filled milk amendments in the expanded marketing areas, effective May 1 and No vember 1, respectively

The Federal milk marketing orders set minimum prices which milk handlers or dealers must pay farmers from whom they buy milk The oiders do not set retail prices, however

While filled milk has been priced as a fluid milk product under most Federal milk orders ever since its introduction into the markets some two years ago, it previously has not been mentioned specifically in fluid milk product definitions, C&MS officials said

The amended orders define filled milk as a product combining skim milk and nonmilk fat and resembling any other fluid milk product. Only products with less than six percent nonmilk fat are included

Filled milk will be included in Class I along with other milk for fluid use. This will continue the current practice in most markets of maintaining a Class I classification for all producer milk in fluid disposition. Thus in most markets today's action will not generally change the cost to handlers for milk ingredients of filled milk

On filled milk made with skim or reconstituted skim milk derived from unregulated sources and sold in a Federal order market, the amended orders provide for certain payments by handlers into the producer-settlement funds.

In markets where producerhandlers maintain some exemption while buying supplemental fluid milk products from regulated plants, filled milk will be included in their allowable purchases But a producer-handler will no longer be exempt from regulation, if he uses reconstituted skim milk or unregulated milk for his sales of filled milk or other fluid milk products

Also, the sale of filled milk will not be a basis for qualifying a plant for pooling under a milk order. Various other changes have been made in administrative provisions, including reporting requirements for handlers, and allocation provisions.

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