

CONSTITUTION

of the

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MILK CONTROL AGENCIES (As Amended at the 1995 Annual Meeting)

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “International Association of Milk Control Agencies.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote effective, efficient, and improved administration of economic milk regulations and the general welfare of the dairy industry through cooperation, coordination, research, education, and other activity mutually beneficial to its members.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Members of this Association shall be the duly constituted governmental milk marketing regulatory agencies of each of the states or territories of the United States, each of the provinces of Canada, or other like nations, it be intended that membership be vested in agencies at the national level only when the nation does not have states, provinces, or similar subdivisions having independent sovereignty empowered to regulate milk marketing. Each such member agency which has paid the annual membership fee for the current calendar year and which has one or more representatives in attendance at the annual meeting for that year shall be entitled to one vote at such meeting, provided that such member agency shall not be entitled to vote by proxy or other authorization.

Sec. 2. Other interested parties involved with dairy industry may become associate members of the Association. Associate members shall be entitled to fully participate in all of the affairs and activities of the Association except the right to vote, become an officer or have membership on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP FEES

Sec. 1. The annual membership fee for members qualified pursuant to Article III, Sec. 1 shall be \$150.00 (effective in 1984).

Sec. 2. The annual membership fee for associate members qualified pursuant to Article III, Sec. 2, shall be \$50.00.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, first vice-president (president-elect), second vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and assistant secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (a) one representative from each member agency. Each member agency may nominate one person to represent it on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting of the Association.
- (b) a United States Counsel and a Canadian Counsel.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be selected from the members of the Executive Committee and shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting of the Association.

The United States Counsel and the Canadian Counsel shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting of the Association.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of president. The president-elect shall automatically succeed that office. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall serve as the chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertained to this office.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general policies of the Association, for the initiation and supervision of research for the educational policy of the Association, for all publications of the Association, for the encouragement of state and national legislation in the interest of the stabilization of the dairy industry, for fostering state and local associations, for appointing such employees as they may deemed advisable, and for determining

the tenure, remuneration, bonding and duties of all such, and for proper regulations for handling the funds of the Association.

Sec. 3. The secretary-treasurer shall serve as the executive officer of the Executive Committee, as secretary to the Association and of the Executive Committee, and as the treasurer of the Association.

Sec. 4. The newly elected Executive Committee shall convene prior to the close of the annual session and meet at least once during the year at a time preceding the annual meeting of the Association to allow sufficient preparation for that meeting and further shall convene the day prior to the annual session.

ARTICLE IX – ANNUAL MEETING

Sec. 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall determine each year.

Sec. 2. It shall be the policy of the Association to invite producers, distributors, and other interested parties to attend as guests, upon payment of registration fee, and further to all them the privileges of the floor only for the further purpose of asking questions, unless otherwise permitted by the presiding officer. Policy and fees regarding distribution of annual meeting reports and other publications of the Association shall be established from time to time by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at the annual meeting, provided that proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least 24 hours before being acted upon, but this requirement shall not prohibit the annual meeting, upon consideration of a proposed amendment, from further making any germane modifications of the proposed in adopting the same.