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National Milk Producers Federation Statement Regarding Non-Nutritive Sweeteners Petition:

As required by the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) food labeling regulations, all food products that include non-nutritive sweeteners as an ingredient must be clearly labeled and include the name of the sweetener on the package's ingredient statement.

The FDA petition would not change any existing requirements that aspartame, sucralose or any other non-nutritive sweetener be included in the list of ingredients if it is present.

This petition was initially filed with FDA several years ago to help address the growing issues surrounding both caloric limits and added sugars for flavored milk sold in schools. Some schools have removed flavored milk altogether, resulting in less consumption of milk by children and less consumption of milk's important nutrients. Allowing the use of FDA-approved sweeteners in flavored milk will allow those consumers who want a lower-calorie flavored milk to have that choice.

The National Milk Producers Federation, based in Arlington, VA, develops and carries out policies that advance the well-being of dairy producers and the cooperatives they own. The members of NMPF's 30 cooperatives produce the majority of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of more than 32,000 dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies. Visit www.nmpf.org for more information.