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FROM: Boyd K. Rutherford
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SUBJECT: Transfer of Activities across Mission Area Lines

In accordance with Departmental Regulation 1010-001, Organization, we have reviewed your request to transfer the management and coordination of Child Nutrition labeling review activities from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). FNS will retain overall program administration authority but AMS will be able to offer actual review services to interested customers on a reimbursable basis.

Based upon our review and that of the appropriate Department of Agriculture staff offices, we hereby approve your request subject to completing the following action.

Language in annual Agriculture Appropriations Acts requires notification to Appropriations Committees of both Houses of Congress 15 days in advance of implementing this organizational change.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact me at (202) 720-3291 or you may have your staff contact Mr. Curt Dahlke at (202) 720-4963 or curtis.dahlke@usda.gov.

cc: Under Secretary Nancy Johner, Food Nutrition and Consumer Services
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