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המרכזית העולמית

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Dear Sir:

We are coming here to you with our most sincere request , which we hope you will consider --- and grant.

We are in the midst of performing an in-depth review and analysis of the Kosher law applications to the dairy industry and the impact it might have on the Jewish consumers.

In this regard we find that there are many serious questions, the answers to which can only come from responsible government offices. On that basis, we appeal to you to review the below listed questions and provide us with whatver assistance possible.

Specifically, our questions revolve about the purity of the dairy products as it relates to the inclusion in any such products any milk derivative from animals other than a "bovine," or ruminant of the genus ovis (sheep), or goats (capra).

- 1. May producers of milk (for resale as such) include any percentage of other milk products (e.g. those coming from swine, horse etc) with the regular cows milk?
- 2. Does the addition of swine etc.milk to cows milk have any effect in relation to the shelf life, storage capabilities, homogonization, texture etc. of the mixture ?
- 3. Would farmers be permitted to add a minute percenatge of hogs milk to their cows milk (in a small percentage...less that 2%) to retard spoilage? Does such a mixture, in fact, retard spoilage?
- 4. Is there strict government supervision that such a mixture is not made by the independent farmers who are too small to maintain their own bottling plants and who sell their milk to the 'large' cooperatives ?
- 5 Is there any incentive to the dairy farmers to introduce such a mixture ?
- 6. Is there any government control that such a mixture does not take place at those plants where there is government inspection? Does the inspection include this problem?
- 7. Would such a mixture be introduced in other dairy products such as cheese, cream, yogurt, butter etc.? Would such a mixture be beneficial to the quality of the end product? Does the government have any controls regarding the introduction of such a mixture?
- 8 What is the minimum amount allowed to be included in such a mixture, below which the government would not object? Would not control ? Would not inspect ?

Your immediate response would be most highly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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