On July 1, 2019, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Milk Marketing Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 7 Pa. Code § 143.31. The proposed regulation was published in the July 13, 2019 Pennsylvania Bulletin with a public comment period ending on August 12, 2019. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 12, 2021.

The rulemaking extends the current notice requirement to terminate a dealer-producer relationship from 28 days to 90 days for dealers and maintains the 28-day notice requirement for producers to terminate a contract. It also provides for waivers to address situations where a 90-day notice would financially imperil a milk dealer.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (31 P.S. §§ 700j-301 and 307) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

George D. Bedwick, Chairman