

FOR THIS REASON, THE PARTICIPATING STATES INVOKE THEIR AUTHORITY TO ACT IN COMMON AGREEMENT, WITH THE CONSENT OF CONGRESS, UNDER THE COMPACT CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION.

IN ESTABLISHING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER THE REGION'S FLUID MILK MARKET BY THIS COMPACT, THE PARTICIPATING STATES DECLARE THEIR PURPOSE THAT THIS COMPACT NEITHER DISPLACE THE FEDERAL ORDER SYSTEM NOR ENCOURAGE THE MERGING OF FEDERAL ORDERS. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT ITSELF SET FORTH THIS BASIC PRINCIPLE.

DESIGNED AS A FLEXIBLE MECHANISM ABLE TO ADJUST TO CHANGES IN A REGULATED MARKETPLACE, THE COMPACT ALSO CONTAINS A CONTINGENCY PROVISION SHOULD THE FEDERAL ORDER SYSTEM BE DISCONTINUED. IN THAT EVENT, THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO REGULATE THE MARKETPLACE IN REPLACEMENT OF THE ORDER SYSTEM. THIS CONTINGENT AUTHORITY DOES NOT ANTICIPATE SUCH A CHANGE, HOWEVER, AND SHOULD NOT BE SO CONSTRUED. IT IS ONLY PROVIDED SHOULD DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARKET OTHER THAN ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS COMPACT RESULT IN DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ORDER SYSTEM.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT, AND OF ANY SUPPLEMENTAL OR CONCURRING LEGISLATION ENACTED PURSUANT THERETO, EXCEPT AS MAY BE OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE CONTEXT:

- (1) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THIS COMPACT.
- (2) "COMPACT" MEANS THIS INTERSTATE COMPACT.
- (3) "REGION" MEANS THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE STATES WHICH ARE OR BECOME PARTIES TO THIS COMPACT.
- (4) "PARTICIPATING STATE" MEANS A STATE WHICH HAS BECOME A PARTY TO THIS COMPACT BY THE ENACTMENT OF CONCURRING LEGISLATION.
- (5) "REGULATED AREA" MEANS ANY AREA WITHIN THE REGION GOVERNED BY AND DEFINED IN REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A COMPACT OVER-ORDER PRICE OR COMMISSION MARKETING ORDER.
- (6) "POOL PLANT" MEANS ANY MILK PLANT LOCATED IN A REGULATED AREA.
- (7) "PARTIALLY REGULATED PLANT" MEANS A MILK PLANT NOT LOCATED IN A REGULATED AREA BUT HAVING CLASS I DISTRIBUTION WITHIN SUCH AREA, OR RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS LOCATED IN SUCH AREA. COMMISSION REGULATIONS MAY EXEMPT PLANTS HAVING SUCH DISTRIBUTION OR RECEIPTS IN AMOUNTS LESS THAN THE LIMITS DEFINED THEREIN.