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The Honorable Harland C. Goodwin
House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Goodwin:

This is in response to your request of April 6, 1976, seeking interpretation of 29 M.R.S.A. § 1655. The particular question you posed was whether raw milk was included in the term "farm produce" under Section 1655.

Traditionally, the term "produce" or "farm produce" has been given a broad meaning to include dairy products unless a narrower meaning appears on the face of the statute, Kimball v. Blanchard, 7 A.2d 394 (N.H., 1939). No such intent for a narrow meaning appears in Section 1655. Therefore, it would be our interpretation that raw milk would be included among those farm products entitled to a 10% variance for truck weight limits.

Sincerely,

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