

January 28, 2019

Mr. Michael Messier  
DRIFTWOOD DAIRY  
10724 E. Lower Azusa Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731

Dear Mr. Messier:

This letter is in response to your request for a statement regarding the sale of rBST (rBGH) free milk to Driftwood Dairy for use in the manufacture of various dairy products at the Driftwood Dairy - El Monte, California plant ("Driftwood").

The United States Food and Drug Administration has determined that milk from cows treated with recombinant Bovine Somatotropin (rBST) or recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) is safe for human consumption and has allowed its sale beginning February 3, 1994. There is not currently a practical test available to determine if milk is or is not from a cow treated with rBST (rBGH).

If directed by Driftwood, all milk sold to Driftwood by Dairy Farmers of America ("DFA") is produced at dairy farms that have signed affidavits acknowledging and agreeing that each producer does not use rBST (rBGH). If any producer decided to commence the use of rBST (rBGH), then said producer is required by their agreement with DFA to provide DFA with thirty (30) days prior written notice of their intent to use rBST (rBGH).

I am prepared to assure you to the best of our knowledge and belief, our producers are honoring their affidavits that state they are not using rBST (rBGH), and to the best of our knowledge, when requested by Driftwood to do so, we are only supplying milk from dairies that do not treat their cows with rBST (rBGH).

Sincerely,



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Dairy Farmers of America  
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