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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

DATE: April 8, 2013

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FROM: Ben Brancel, Secretary

SUBJECT: **Ch. ATCP 161- The Grow Wisconsin Dairy Producer Grant and Loan Program;
Final Rule (Clearinghouse Rule #12-028)**

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) hereby submits the following rule for publication:

CLEARINGHOUSE RULE #: 12-028

SUBJECT: The grow Wisconsin dairy producer grant and loan program

ADM. CODE REFERENCE: ATCP 161

DATCP DOCKET #: 11-R-12

We are enclosing a copy of the final rule, as adopted by DATCP. We are also providing the following information for publication with the rule, as required by s. 227.114(6), Stats.

Business Impact Analysis (Summary)

The “grow Wisconsin dairy producer” grant and loan program is voluntary and thus imposes no cost on businesses. By providing \$200,000 in grant and loan funding to dairy producers, the “grow Wisconsin dairy producer” grant and loan program will benefit dairy farms, other dairy businesses and communities that participate in production, distribution or marketing of dairy products. Grant and loan recipients will benefit directly, while others will benefit indirectly from the creation of a stronger dairy industry. DATCP plans to use application procedures that will make the cost of applying insignificant and particularly make it possible for small businesses to apply for funding without hiring consulting services.

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Comments from Legislative Committees (Summary)

On January 8, 2013, DATCP transmitted the above rule for legislative committee review. The rule was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Small Business, and Tourism and the Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Neither committee took action on the rule. The Senate referred the rule to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) on February 15, 2015 and the Assembly referred the rule to JCRAR on February 26, 2013. JCRAR took no action on the rule.