RE: FCC Appendix XVI and USP Skim Milk Powder Reference Standard (Catalog #1443825, Lot F020U0)

A proposal was published in the December 2021 *FCC Forum* to change the name of the USP Skim Milk Powder RS in Appendix XVI: Protein-Based Ingredients to Skim Milk Powder FAM. The chemical identity of the substance remains the same; however, it is being provided as an FCC Analytical Material (FAM) instead of a USP Reference Standard (RS). As a result of this proposal, the currently effective FCC Appendix XVI: Protein-Based Ingredients was revised and published in *FCC 13 1S* on September 1, 2022, to reflect this product type change. It will become effective on December 1, 2022.

FAM products are fit-for-purpose materials designed specifically for the food industry and can be used for method development, verification, transfer, validation, method lifecycle management, or for other purposes deemed suitable by the user. FAM products are different from official USP Reference Standards and are specific for the food industry.

USP Skim Milk Powder RS (Catalog #1443825) has been discontinued and replaced with Skim Milk Powder FAM (Catalog #1443826). This product is under development and is expected to be available for purchase on the revision’s effective date (December 1, 2022). Unlike USP Reference Standards that are accompanied with USP Certificates, FCC Analytical Materials are accompanied with Product Information Sheets (PIS). The product type change is also reflected in the product label. The PIS includes a copy of the label text and can be viewed in the USP Store ([https://store.usp.org](https://store.usp.org)). Here you can also find the Safety Data Sheet, Certificate of Origin, and more.

USP Skim Milk Powder RS Catalog #1443825, Lot F020U0, has been assigned a valid use date of October 17, 2023. Users will be directed in Appendix XVI to use only Skim Milk Powder FAM (Catalog #1443826) beginning on December 1, 2022.

For technical questions regarding Skim Milk Powder FAM, please contact FCC Analytical Material Technical Services at [FAMtech@usp.org](mailto:FAMtech@usp.org).