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NOTICE TO THE TRADE  
ALL EXPORT VENDORS

Farm and  
Foreign  
Agricultural  
Services

SUBJECT: Micronutrient Testing of Fortified  
Commodities

Farm Service  
Agency

This is to advise that the January 1, 2000, deadline for compliance with Vitamin A and iron requirements has been temporarily suspended. This applies to all fortified commodities offered for export which have micronutrient testing requirements.

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Effective October 1, 1999, all cereal-based fortified commodities were to begin testing for Vitamin A; corn-soy blend and wheat-soy blend were to also be testing for iron. January 1, 2000, was the deadline for full implementation of this requirement; however, after receiving information from the vendors indicating possible problems with meeting these requirements, this deadline has been temporarily suspended to allow time for further discussion and compliance efforts.

All vendors should continue their efforts to bring the fortified commodities into compliance with the micronutrient requirements. To ensure that a new deadline can be established and be met by the trade, we encourage vendors to submit, in writing, any problems they have encountered and the steps they are taking to overcome the problems. Please include all concerns and the anticipated time needed to comply with the requirements.

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