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**NOTICE TO THE TRADE  
ALL EXPORT VENDORS**

**SUBJECT:** Micro Nutrient Testing of Fortified Commodities

This is to advise that the deadline for compliance with Vitamin A and iron requirements for both Bulgur and Soy-Fortified Sorghum Grits has been extended to July 1, 2000. Procurement of Bulgur and Soy-Fortified Sorghum Grits made on or after this date must meet the applicable micro nutrient standards as outlined in the respective purchase announcement or Notice to the Trade.

**REQUIREMENTS:** The minimum analytical requirements for fortified grain products are as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Vitamin A (IU/lb)</u>	<u>Iron (mg/100g)</u>
Corn-soy blend	8400	14.7
Wheat soy blend	8400	14.7
Wheat flour*	8800	not tested
Cornmeal*	8800	not tested
Bulgur*	8800	not tested
Sorghum Grits*	8800	not tested

\*Includes all fortified commodities in this category.

Under the Total Quality Systems Audit (TQSA) program, vendors are required to establish and maintain effective quality control procedures, tests, and records that verify each production lot's compliance with the Vitamin A and iron fortification requirements prior to shipment. Product found not to be in compliance in all respects with the applicable commodity procurement specification shall not be delivered to CCC without written authorization signed and executed by the Contracting Officer. **These tests may be performed by a vendor's own laboratory.**

To further validate the vendor's own tests results and to ensure consistent product conformance, vendors shall submit periodic product samples for comparative laboratory testing to either the USDA, Federal Grain Inspection Service, Testing Laboratory; or to an independent, private laboratory capable of performing the tests according to Association of



Official Analytical Chemists' approved methods. The scheduled frequency of such comparative tests shall be firmly established and documented in the vendor's own TQSA quality control plan.

Records will be reviewed during Total Quality Systems Audits and may also be requested by the Kansas City Commodity Office Contracting Officer at any time. Commodity Credit Corporation reserves the right to conduct random, unannounced sampling and testing of final product to ensure compliance with all product specifications.

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