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## NOTICE TO THE TRADE

### Export Food Aid Conference III - Hotel and Registration Information Kansas City, Missouri April 10-12, 2001

The third Export Food Aid Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Kansas City. The conference will begin on Tuesday, April 10, with registration at 7:30 a.m. and the opening session commencing at 8:30 a.m. The conference will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 12.

The registration fee for industry participants is \$75 per person and must be paid by check or money order made payable to "EFAC" and is nonrefundable. The registration fee covers a luncheon on Tuesday, April 10, with special guest speaker Dr. Dale Henry, a reception at the hotel the same evening, and conference materials. **Please complete the attached registration form and return it with your payment by March 23, 2001.**

A block of sleeping rooms has been set aside and reservations must be made on an individual basis. Please call the hotel directly to make your reservations and identify yourself as attending the USDA/USAID Export Food Aid Conference. The room rate is \$85/single and \$105/double and is applicable to both industry and government guests. **This block of rooms will be held until COB March 5, 2001. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis. Attendance is expected to be high, so please make your room reservations as soon as possible.** Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 noon. For your convenience, the hotel information is as follows:

Kansas City Marriott - Downtown  
200 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105  
Phone: 816-421-6800  
FAX: 816-855-4418

The KCI Shuttle is available for transportation to and from the airport and the Downtown Marriott. The cost is \$13 one way; \$21 round trip. Upon arrival at the KCI Airport, locate the red shuttle booth located near your baggage claim area or pick up the white airport courtesy phone and dial 5000. Advanced reservations are required for your return trip to

the airport by calling 816-243-5000. Schedules for return trips to the airport are available at the hotel. Curbside taxi service is also available at the airport.

To get to the hotel from the airport by car, take I-29 South to 169 Highway South (the exit will be from the far right lane). Follow 169 South past the Downtown Airport over the Broadway bridge. Follow Broadway to 12<sup>th</sup> Street and turn left; turn left again on Wyandotte to Marriott's front driveway. Parking is available at the hotel for a reduced cost of \$5 per day. If hotel parking is full, the Municipal Auditorium parking garage across the street can accommodate the overflow and will honor the \$5 per day through an agreement with the hotel.

If any special accommodations are required for you to participate in this conference, e.g., hearing or visual impairment aides, specific wheelchair accessibility needs, or dietary requirements, please call Maureen Kraft, Export Operations Division, at 816-926-6326.

The agenda is in the early development stage at this point. We continue to encourage your input regarding suggested topics or speakers and will entertain any ideas you may have to ensure a successful conference. Once again, your written input may be sent to Austen Merrick via E-mail to [admerrick@kcc.fsa.usda.gov](mailto:admerrick@kcc.fsa.usda.gov) or FAX at 816-823-1640. We have incorporated several of the suggestions from our last conference and are confident participants will appreciate these improvements.

If you have any questions, comments, or need further details, please contact Maureen Kraft at 816-926-6326, or Austen Merrick at 816-926-6715.

/s/  
George Aldaya  
Director

# REGISTRATION FORM

## USDA/USAID EXPORT FOOD AID CONFERENCE III

Kansas City Marriott - Downtown  
Kansas City, Missouri  
April 10-12, 2001

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO  
"EFAC" BY MARCH 23, 2001, TO:

MAUREEN KRAFT  
USDA/FSA/KCCO/EOD - MAIL STOP 8738  
P.O. BOX 419205  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64141-6205

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\*Payment of the registration fee is required for each person attending the reception and/or luncheon, including family members.

TOTAL # ATTENDEES: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CALL MAUREEN KRAFT AT 816-926-6326 IF YOU WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HEARING OR VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY, DIETARY NEEDS, ETC.