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## NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm Service  
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### Subject: "L" Designation in the Great Lakes

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The Maritime Security Act 17 (MSA 17) does not apply to the program requests of the Foreign Agricultural Service. Therefore, effective with Invitation 084A, the designation for Lakes Chicago (LCHI), Lakes Milwaukee (LMIL), Lakes Duluth (LDUL), Lakes Green Bay (LGB), and Lakes Superior (LSUP) will no longer be used in the Food for Progress, Section 416(b) and McGovern/Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition programs. Bids for Foreign Agricultural Service cargo for these MSA 17 bid points are no longer required and will not be considered.

The "L" designation was created under MSA 17 for use within the P.L. 480 Title II Program. From the processing of bids for 084A forward, the only program that will include the "L" designation will be the P.L. 480 Title II Program.

Please contact Nelson Randall at 816-926-6658 if you have any questions in this regard.

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