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Department of
Agriculture

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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

TO: All Suppliers of Commodities for Use in Export Programs and Steamship Companies

Farm Service
Agency

SUBJECT: Extension of Houston Pilot Project

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Commodity Office
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Notice to the Trade EOD 150 was issued September 23, 2004 to establish a separate definition of contract terms for f.a.s. delivery and receipt of commodities to the terminals approved under Houston, TX (HOUS) delivery point. This change in delivery terms was a pilot project intended to remain in effect for a period not to exceed one year. The purpose of the pilot project was to study the effect of requiring the ocean carriers to include the cost of unloading the commodity from the commodity supplier's conveyance in the ocean freight bid. In addition, the pilot project included a survey of the unloading of the conveyance by a third party inspector. The desired outcome was to equalize delivery costs to the commodity suppliers for all the terminals under the HOUS delivery point and to reduce the cost to the Government.

The Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) is extending the delivery terms to HOUS outlined in EOD-150 until further advised in order to allow more time for comments and the evaluation of comments. Any comments relating to this pilot project in Houston are welcome.

Interested parties may address their comments to:

Houston Pilot Project
Attn: Ken Martin
Mail Stop 8738
6501 Beacon Drive
Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676

Or FAX to the attention of the above at 816-823-3059.

The closing time for submission of comments has been extended to the close of business October 14, 2005. After a full review of the comments, a directive will be given as to the terms of delivery at U.S. ports.

/s/
George W. Aldaya
Director