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Notice to the Trade

BCD-50

DATE: June 2, 2003

TO: All Warehouse Operators Approved Under the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA)

SUBJECT: Changing Procedures for Selling Wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT)

The Agency for International Development (AID) requested that Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) ship 99,890 metric tons (MT) (3,670,292 bushels) of Hard Red Winter (HRW) or Hard White (HW) wheat to Ethiopia. On April 14, 2003, CCC issued an invitation to purchase HRW or HW wheat and a Notice to the Trade (BCD-47) announcing the sale of the same quantity from the BEHT. AID also requested that CCC acquire flour for export food aid using BEHT wheat. Accordingly, CCC issued Invitation #053 to purchase several commodities including flour on April 25, 2003. CCC purchased 19,440 MT of flour and will sell an equivalent quantity of wheat, 26,827 MT (985,721 bushels) from the BEHT.

Under BCD-49, CCC announced the continued wheat sales for both the wheat and wheat flour purchases from the BEHT. As of June 2, 2003, 96,471 MT (3,544,681 bushels) remain to be sold.

CCC is making HRW and Hard Red Spring (HRS) wheat classes of CCC-owned wheat stocks available for sale through negotiated sales. CCC-owned wheat inventory information is available at www.fsa.usda.gov/catalogs CCC will not issue specific wheat listings for the sale.

Additionally, CCC is changing which warehouse locations will be available for third party sales by changing the quantity from less than 450,000 to less than 300,000 bushels. CCC-owned wheat in quantities less than 300,000 bushels at one location is not available for sale to third parties, however, storing warehouse operators may elect to purchase any class of CCC-owned wheat from any of their own locations. This provision is consistent with Invitation No. 35 issued on June 2, 2003, to swap 72,300 MT of wheat.

All other sales provisions issued in BCD-47 remain in place.

Storing warehouse operators have the exclusive right to purchase CCC-owned wheat from any of their own locations from 9:00 a.m. CT on June 6, 2003, through 4:30 p.m. CT on June 10, 2003. CCC will sell wheat to any interested party beginning at 9:00 a.m. CT on June 11, 2003. CCC will not contact the storing warehouse operator for right of first refusal on any third party bids.

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