

INFORMATION BULLETIN (FFPIB)

Date: December 10, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FOOD FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND COOPERATING SPONSORS

TO: USAID/W and Overseas Distribution Lists; FFP Cooperating Sponsors

FROM: DCHA/FFP/POD

SUBJECT: Revised FY 2008 Title II Packaged Commodities Procurement Schedule

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Recognizing the need to provide a more accurate timeline for the delivery of processed/bagged commodities, the FY 2008 commodity procurement schedule has been revised (attached). This updated schedule reflects shipping timeframes that more closely mirror the reality of today's shipping and delivery environments and should be consulted by USAID's Title II cooperating sponsors when completing the U.S. Load Port and Destination Dates fields for calls forward in FARES. FFP staff should also consult the revised schedule when considering contributions.

Here is how it should work. For any given invitation, the cooperating sponsor should enter the 20th of the month 3 months hence as the U.S. Load Port Date. For example, for the January call forward, invitation 028 (February purchase), the U.S. Load Port Date should be entered as April 20th. We've determined that selecting the final date given within the established range under the Estimated U.S. Availability Dates column for the time period, while conservative, keeps arrival/delivery expectations fair and reasonable. Continuing with this example, the Destination Date should be entered as June 15th, or slightly better than a month and a half from the U.S. Load Port Date. Again, this is the most conservative estimate from the established range of dates provided under the Estimated Overseas Arrival Dates column, but one that is realistic based on historical data received from USAID's Office of Transportation (OAA/Transportation).

These revised dates go into effect as of the January call forward and apply to commodities being diverted or allocated from prepo stock. Alternative dates may be entered on an exceptional basis in consultation with USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP), for certain emergency situations. Both OAA/T and FFP will continue to periodically monitor shipping performance to determine if further adjustments will be needed over time.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in ensuring the FARES system follows this practice for consistent, standardized entries. Please feel free to contact FFP's Program Operations Division (POD) or OAA/Transportation if you have any questions.



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FY 2008 Title II Procurement Schedule

Calls Forward Due in FFP/POD NOT LATER THAN	Invitation Number	Purchase Month	Estimated U.S. Availability Dates	Estimated Overseas Arrival Dates
Sep 4, 2007	107	October	12/05-12/20	01/25-02/15
Oct 3, 2007	117	November	01/05-01/20	02/25-03/15
Nov 5, 2007	127	December	02/05-02/20	03/25-04/15
Dec 3, 2007	018	January	03/05-03/20	04/25-05/15
Jan 3, 2008	028	February	04/05-04/20	05/25-06/15
Feb 4, 2008	038	March	05/05-05/20	06/25-07/15
Mar 3, 2008	048	April	06/05-06/20	07/25-08/15
Apr 3, 2008	058	May	07/05-07/20	08/25-09/15
May 5, 2008	068	June	08/05-08/20	09/25-10/15
Jun 3, 2008	078	July	09/05-09/20	10/25-11/15
Jul 3, 2008	088	August	10/05-10/20	11/25-12/15
Aug 4, 2008	098	September	11/05-11/20	12/25-01/15