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

SUBJECT: Selling Additional Wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust to Purchase U.S. Wheat Flour

On March 19 and 20, 2003, Secretary Veneman authorized two separate releases of wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) for use in Title II, Public Law 83-480. The Agency for International Development (AID) has indicated that it will need 200,000 metric tons (MT) (7,348,600 bushels) of wheat from the BEHT to meet its program needs for Africa, particularly Ethiopia and Eritrea. The second release is 200,000 MT (7,348,600 bushels) of wheat from the BEHT to meet immediate program needs for Iraq with another 400,000 MT (14,697,200 bushels) to be made available as needed.

AID requested that Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) ship 99,890 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. As of May 19, 2003, 12,296 MT (451,800 bushels) have been sold.

AID 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.

CCC intends to combine the process for the wheat sales announced under BCD-47 and the wheat sales for the wheat flour. Wheat sales will resume using the provisions of BCD-47.

As of May 19, 2003, 114,421 MT (4,204,213 bushels) remain to be sold.

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