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Agriculture**

NOTICE TO THE TRADE

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Farm and
Foreign
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Services

Date: June 16, 2005
To: All Suppliers of Empty Bags and Twine for Export Programs
Subject: KC-P-BAGS 308

Farm Service
Agency

The purpose of this Notice is to clarify that both manufacturers and nonmanufacturers may submit offers for empty woven polypropylene bags under Announcement KC-P-BAGS 308, provided they meet the following requirements.

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All vendors must meet the requirements of the Total Quality Systems Audit (TQSA) program and meet the definition of a manufacturer or nonmanufacturer as described in KC-P-BAGS 308, Part 2 (C) which reads as follows:

C. Meet the definitions of a manufacturer or nonmanufacturer as defined below.

(1) Manufacturer means a person that owns, operates, or maintains a factory or establishment that produces on the premises the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the contract and of the general character described by the specifications.

(2) Nonmanufacturer means a person that is primarily engaged in the wholesale or retail trade and normally sells the items being supplied to the general public; and will supply the end item of a small business manufacturer or processor made in the United States, or obtains a waiver of such requirement pursuant to 13 C.F.R. 121.406.

In addition to the above, all bags must be manufactured from fabric produced by a vendor approved by DACO.

/s/

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