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## NOTICE TO THE TRADE

### TO ALL SUPPLIERS OF VEGETABLE OIL PRODUCTS FOR USE IN EXPORT PROGRAMS

It has come to our attention that bulk Vitamin A (Retinol Palmitate), used in the fortification of vegetable oil, is no longer available in the United States produced from 100 percent domestic origin ingredients.

“Produced in the United States” means manufactured, processed, mined, harvested, or otherwise prepared for sale or distribution, from components originating in the United States. Components originating in the United States, which have been exported, and subsequently imported back into the United States, will not be considered as having been produced in the United States.

After contacting the chemical companies which produce Vitamin A, it has been determined that it is not currently possible to purchase 100 percent domestic Vitamin A (Retional Palmitate) in bulk quantities produced in the United States. Therefore, a waiver for the domestic origin requirement is being granted for Vitamin A in commodity purchase announcements VO8, CO1 and SFSO1 Purchase of Vegetable Oil Products For Use In Export Programs.

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