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## NOTICE TO THE TRADE

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ANNOUNCEMENT PCA-1**

**AMENDMENT 6 TO  
ANNOUNCEMENT PCA-1  
PURCHASE OF PASTERURIZED PROCESS  
AMERICAN CHEESE  
AT ANNOUNCED PRICE  
FOR USE IN DOMESTIC DONATION PROGRAMS**

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The purpose of this Amendment is to:

- Add to Section 10. SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY – TRANSFER OF TITLE – RISK OF LOSS. Part (3). New Subpart (g) will add the requirement of security seals.
- Amendment to Appendix 2. Part 4. Marking Requirement. Section 4.4 is amended to read as manufacturer's lot code.
- Add to Appendix 2. Part 4. Marking Requirements. New Requirement Section 4.10 AMS Grading Certificate number requirement.
- Amendment to Appendix 2, Part 3.5, A (as added in PCA-1, Amendment 5) to alter pallet specifications.

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Effective with contracts made on or after April 25, 2005, Section 10. SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY- TRANSFER OF TITLE, Part 3.Paragraph A. is amended to add subparagraph (g) as follows:

(g) Security Seals- Suppliers of commodities, products and/or services shall be responsible for placing a seal(s) on all doors of each transportation conveyance upon completion of loading or servicing. The seal numbers(s) shall be entered on the bill of lading, which must be signed or acknowledged by the carrier or its agent. Seals shall be sequentially numbered, barrier-type, and meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards. Seals shall be 1/8-inch diameter cable, high security bolt, or equivalent.

Information on ASTM Standards may be found at [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

Effective immediately, Appendix 2, Part 4, Section 4.4 (page 9), is amended to read as follows:



#### **4.4 Manufacturer's Lot Code**

A manufacturer's lot code must appear on all shipping containers. Manufacturer's lot code relate to the day of production. Contractors may use any type of lot coding system, provided, it can identify the day of production in the contractor's records.

Effective immediately, Appendix 2, Part 4 (page 11), is amended to add Section 4.10 as follows:

The AMS grading certificate number or AMS takeoff grading certificate number, when applicable, (both hereinafter referred to as "certificate number") shall be applied to each commodity container at the expense of contractor. The lot's final certificate number issued by AMS, i.e. takeoff certificate number, shall be the only certificate number marked on the commodity containers of the lot offered and delivered to CCC. At contractor's option and risk, the certificate number may be applied to each commodity container at time of packaging. To obtain a series of certificate numbers for application at time of packaging, contact Dairy Grading Branch, Dairy Programs, (AMS).

Effective immediately, Appendix 2, Part 3.5 Section A (as provided in PCA-1 Amendment 5), is amended to read as follows:

#### **PALLETS MUST BE:**

- A number 2, 4-way, reversible flush stringer.
- Contain no broken runners or slats.
- Constructed to facilitate the safe handling and transportation of the packaged product, as a unit, without loss or damage.
- Suitable for use in the shipment of food products.

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