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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

TOTAL QUALITY SYSTEMS AUDIT

This Notice is to clarify some issues that were raised at our June 9, 1999, Total Quality Systems Audit (TQSA) meeting, and questions raised since that time.

1. TQSA begins for Corn-Soy Blend, Cornmeal, Soy-Fortified Cornmeal, Instant Corn-Soya Masa Flour, and Soy-Fortified Sorghum Grits on all contracts for these commodities awarded on or after July 1, 1999.
2. Freight forwarders will continue to secure Phytosanitary Certificates when needed. Vendors will not be responsible for securing these documents at this time.
3. Minimum Scores required by vendors to submit bids will be contained in the announcement.
4. The discount schedule will remain the same for these products as stated in the Announcement. Certificate of Analysis must be submitted with invoices for products that fall within the discount range. Vendors will contact the Contracting Officer for guidance on product that falls outside the discount scale.
5. Vendors will submit samples for six months on a lot by lot basis to the FGIS laboratory in Kansas City.
6. Destination review procedures for product at port have not been completed. Information will be provided once it has been formulated.
7. Domestic Origin Compliance Reviews will be done through TQSA.

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