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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

CHANGES REGARDING THE RELEASE OF
OCEAN RATE GUIDELINE INFORMATION

At the request of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the monthly ocean rate guideline report will not be released until all ocean freight bookings are complete. The monthly ocean rate guideline report contains information on transportation costs used in the evaluation of commodity bids for the P.L 480, Title II "Food For Peace" foreign food assistance program.

Effective immediately, the monthly ocean rate guideline report will be issued by USAID and will be available from the USAID web page. USAID will monitor the booking process and post the report as soon as all bookings have been finalized. USAID's web address is www.usaid.gov/procurement_bus_opp/procurement/ocean or you can link to USAID from our homepage www.fsa.usda.gov/daco. USDA will no longer post this data on its web page.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Timothy Reaman, Chief, Bulk Commodities/Freight Forwarding Branch, USDA/KCCO, at (816) 926-6045 or Denise Stone Scherl, Chief, Transportation Branch, USAID, at (202) 712-0101.

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