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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

TO: All Suppliers of Vegetable Oil for Use in Export Programs

SUBJECT: Size Requirements for 6/4-Liter Vegetable Oil Cans

This notification supercedes "Notice To The Trade EOD-94," dated September 26, 2001.

Effective for all contracts awarded from November 1, 2001, through February 28, 2002, either a No. 610 or No. 603 4-liter can may be used to satisfy purchase contracts for vegetable oil under foreign food aid assistance programs administered by the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). However, only one can size may be used per contract. The use of more than one can size per contract will not be accepted.

Effective with contracts awarded on or after March 1, 2002, all vegetable oil purchased in 4-liter cans for USAID programs must be packaged in the No. 610 can. If current supplier stocks of No. 603 cans have not been utilized by March 1, 2002, USDA may temporarily grant a continued use of No. 603 cans under USDA foreign food aid assistance programs.

Cans must be constructed in accordance with the specifications outlined in Announcements VO8, CO-1, and SFSO1. This four-month grace period has been established to allow commodity suppliers the opportunity to prepare for the use of the single No. 610 can for both USAID and USDA foreign food aid programs.

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