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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Ports Approved to Participate in Export Food Assistance Programs

The Farm Service Agency purchases and/or provides commodities for the U.S. Agency for International Development under PL 480 Title II, and for the Foreign Agricultural Service under the Food for Progress, Section 416(b), and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition programs. These commodities are often purchased on a free-alongside-ship (f.a.s.) basis.

A review of purchase activity indicated many ports are evaluated but do not actually receive commodities under foreign food assistance programs. The review was performed because the large number of port locations has complicated the commodity and ocean freight bidding and procurement process. Port locations with little or no recent foreign food assistance program activity were provided with a written notice of their possible removal from the approved list and offered the opportunity to respond with documentation justifying their retention.

Based on the responses received from the port locations, the Kansas City Commodity Office is reducing the number of approved f.a.s. locations to help streamline the bidding process. Only those f.a.s. locations with significant activity involving USDA commodities over the past three years or locations providing documentation suggesting upcoming activity are being retained. The revised location list shall be effective with commodity invitations issued on or after February 15, 2005.

Free-alongside-ship port locations which will no longer be listed on the Standard Abbreviations Shown on Information Releases (Form KC-362) as well as other locations interested in participating in foreign food assistance programs may submit requests for inclusion on the KC-362 at any time. These requests should be accompanied by documentation demonstrating that there is interest from commodity suppliers and ocean carriers in offering prices and/or rates to the applicable port location. These requests are subject to the facility approval guidelines outlined in Notice to the Trade EOD-143.

The attached table identifies the f.a.s. locations that will remain listed on the revised KC-362 for bidding purposes. The current KC-362 may be found at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/export/Ports>

A complete list of facilities approved for handling/storing USDA food aid commodities at these f.a.s. locations as well as others can be found at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Export/ApprovdPortFacilities>

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/s/

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ABBREVIATION		LOCATION
ALBA		ALBANY, NY
BEAU		BEAUMONT, TX
CHAR		CHARLESTON, SC
CHIC		CHICAGO, IL
CC		CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
DULU		DULUTH, MN
FREE		FREEPORT, TX
GB		GREEN BAY, WI
HOUS		HOUSTON, TX
JACI		JACINTOPORT (HOUSTON) TX.
LC		LAKE CHARLES, LA
LA		LOS ANGELES, CA
MILW		MILWAUKEE, WI
MORE		MOREHEAD CITY, NC
NO		NEW ORLEANS, LA
NORF		NORFOLK, VA
OAKL		OAKLAND, CA
PENS		PENSACOLA, FL
PM		PORT MANATEE, FL
SAVA		SAVANNAH, GA
SEAT		SEATTLE, WA
TACO		TACOMA, WA
TAMP		TAMPA, FL