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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 12-55

SUBJECT: Navy Exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2012 (SC-CS 12)

        The purpose of this Notice to the Trade (NTT) is to provide information regarding the upcoming Navy Exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2012 (SC-CS 2012) designed to test the Navy's ability to operate during an extended period of heightened force protection condition (FPCON).

        The exercise will begin March 19 and personnel can anticipate some delays in accessing impacted installations to include random inspections of food and beverage delivery trucks. Heightened FPCON levels are anticipated to begin at noon, Thursday, March 22 and end at approximately noon on Saturday, March 24. Participating installations are anticipating reductions in operational levels that include commissary store operations comparable to those experienced during last year's exercise; including potential store closures on U.S. Navy and/or Joint CONUS installations.

        Please be aware that each individual installation commander will define their respective installation security response levels for the duration of the exercise. As a result, exercise activities will vary from one installation to another; impacting each commissary operation differently as non-mission and mission essential activities are identified and maintained or shut down by the installation commander.

         It is advised that all vendor stockers and merchandisers continue to perform their duties and responsibilities at individual stores unless and until directed otherwise by store management. Industry members with no specific responsibilities for shelf stocking, etc., are asked to reschedule any planned visits or events for the exercise duration. For specific information on anticipated operational impacts for each store please contact store management for additional information.

        My point of contact for this Notice to the Trade is Ms. Bonita Moffett, Lead Commissary Management Specialist, 804-734-8000, extension 8-6278.

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