NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 06-115

SUBJECT: Dry Dog Food Category Review

A category review has been completed for dry dog food. Many thanks to our industry partners for providing business updates and working with us to accumulate the necessary data.

The goal of this review was to determine the best product assortment by commissary size, taking into consideration national, regional and local brand name products; space availability; and category growth potential.

The category stock assortment is provided as an attachment for all interested parties, and a summary of K codes is as follows:

K1: 34 K2: 21 K3: 30 K4: 7 K5: 0	K1: 34	K2: 21	K3: 30	N41 /	K5: 0

This category review reflects the negotiated stock assortment for the category. Having completed the reclama process, all decisions are final. All products are currently being reclassified to conform with this review.

Items pending deletion will remain in the system for 60 days from the time the intent to delete notification was sent out. Items will be "P" coded after the first 30 days. You should work with your supplier immediately to liquidate any residual stock.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in this endeavor. Point of contact is Mr. Bill Wood, Category Manager, (804) 734-8222.

//s// Scott E. Simpson Chief Operating Officer

Attachment: As stated

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