



DOMESTIC ORIGIN VERIFICATION SYSTEM (DOVS) PROGRAM

Benefits
to
You...

You
Have a
Choice of
Either
DOVS
or
Trace-back on
Every Contract

For
More
Information...

- ✓ *Do you want a new alternative to the current trace-back procedures for the USDA domestic origin requirement?*
- ✓ *Do you want a program that reduces the time your company spends on trace-back?*
- ✓ *Would you like for your suppliers and subcontractors to have a better system of documenting domestic origin of their fruits and vegetables before you purchase from them?*
- ✓ *Do you want a program that helps enhance your domestic origin verification process to meet other buyers' requirements?*

If you answered YES to any of these questions, the Domestic Origin Verification System (DOVS) program is for you!

To request service or obtain more information, visit our Website for field office locations:

www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html

or contact:

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(Additional details on reverse)

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- **What is DOVS?**

DOVS is an AUDIT-based program to verify contractors', subcontractors', or suppliers' systems for assuring that only domestic origin fruits and vegetables are delivered to the USDA.

- **How does the DOVS program benefit you?**

1. It greatly reduces the paperwork, especially for entities with multiple contracts that are performing trace-back on every contract.
2. Once you have the DOVS in place, trace-back for every contract is no longer needed.
3. DOVS participants will be listed on the USDA Commodity Procurement Branch Website, when developed.

- **Will trace-back on every contract still be an acceptable method of meeting the domestic origin requirement?**

Yes. You can choose either the DOVS program or trace-back. Also, if a contractor, subcontractor, or supplier is not accepted into the DOVS program, the applicant will be required to perform trace-back on every contract.

- **How many audits will be conducted?**

One validation audit will be conducted annually. High-risk applicants, those who purchase, handle or store imported fruits or vegetables similar to or the same as those provided to USDA under contract, will have an additional follow-up audit. About 10 percent of all other DOVS suppliers will be audited each year. USDA reserves the right to audit more frequently, if deemed necessary.

- **What do you need to do to participate in the DOVS program?**

1. Request and fill out the DOVS Questionnaire, then submit it to Renee Wassenberg (see contact information on front).
2. Have your facility audited by USDA.
3. Correct deficiencies found during the audit.

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