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**NOTICE TO THE TRADE**

Farm and Foreign  
Agricultural  
Services

TO: All Suppliers of Woven Polypropylene Fabric/ Bags Under Foreign Food Assistance Programs Administered By the Department of Agriculture and the Agency for International Development

Farm Service  
Agency

SUBJECT: Circular Woven Polypropylene Bag Manufacturer Declaration Sheets

Kansas City  
Commodity Office  
P.O. Box 419205  
Kansas City,  
Missouri  
64141-6205

All authorized suppliers of woven polypropylene (WPP) fabric/bags are required to ensure their fabric/bags are constructed in accordance with the applicable contract specifications. The specifications are outlined in the following commodity and bag purchase announcements:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| KC-P-BAGS-307 Bags              | KCBG5 Whole Grains         |
| MR17 Milled Rice                | PBL7 Peas, Beans & Lentils |
| WFBF1 All Purpose & Bread Flour | BWSF8 Bulgur/SF Bulgur     |

The specifications for the construction of WPP fabric/bags are identical under all of the announcements. The enclosed declaration sheet summarizes the specifications and the tests which are reviewed by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to verify that finished bags are properly constructed. All authorized suppliers are required to complete the enclosed declaration sheet and return it to the address listed below by February 8, 2002, if they choose to continue to participate in subject programs. The sheet will be held confidential by USDA.

The results of the last Impact Performance Test performed by each supplier are acceptable. All other tests must be performed between the date of this notice and February 8, 2002. The fabric should be identical in construction as the fabric authorized for use in writing by the Deputy Administrator, Commodity Operations. USDA will select random samples of bags from each supplier and perform testing to verify the results submitted on the declaration sheets. The selection of sample bags will begin immediately. Suppliers should mail their completed declaration sheets to:

USDA/FSA/PDD  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 5755, South Building  
Washington, D. C. 20250  
Attn: Packaging

George W. Aldaya  
Director

Enclosure

