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EXPORT FOOD AID CONFERENCE III Kansas City, Missouri April 10-12, 2001

This is to serve as a reminder of important information regarding the Third USDA/USAID Export Food Aid Conference. The block of sleeping rooms at the conference hotel has reached capacity; however, the Downtown Marriott has expanded the room block and extended the cut off date to March 10. The hotel will guarantee the room rate of \$85 until that date. After that time, the block room rate will not be available. If it is your intention to attend the conference, it is imperative that you please call the hotel directly to make your room reservation at 816-421-6800 and identify yourself as attending the USDA/USAID Export Food Aid Conference while rooms are still available.

If you have not registered for the conference, please do so as soon as possible. The registration deadline is March 23. Call Maureen Kraft, Export Operations Division, at 816-926-6326 or e-mail at mdkraft@kcc.fsa.usda.gov if you need a registration form. The registration fee is \$75 per person.

If you have any questions, comments, or need further details, please contact Maureen Kraft or Austen Merrick, Chief, Export Operations Division, at 816-926-6715.

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