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## **NOTICE TO THE TRADE**

### **ALL USERS OF MULTIWALL PAPER BAGS**

#### **BAG CLOSURE GUIDE LOCATION (BCGL) BARS**

This Notice requires BCGL bars to be printed on the front panel of all multiwall paper bags.

The BCGL bars must be plainly visible, approximately one inch in length, printed in blue in two parallel rows evenly spaced over the entire width of the bag. The BCGL bars are to be used as visual quality control verification. Visually identifying two bars or no bars on the bag would indicate a bag closure failure. Visually identifying one bar would indicate a proper bag closure. This does not relieve the supplier from meeting all other closure requirements as outlined in the applicable announcement.

This change is effective with invitations on or after July 18, 2001. The purchase announcements will be amended in the near future to reflect this change. For additional information or comments regarding this Notice, please contact James L. Riva, USDA, FSA PDD, CMB, at (202) 720-3774, Fax (202) 690-1809, or e-mail [Jim\\_Riva@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Jim_Riva@wdc.usda.gov).

The bag manufacturer is responsible for proper placement of the BCGL bars (see attached example).

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Attachment

Bag Closure Guide Location

