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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 05-149

SUBJECT: Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donations

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has received numerous inquiries about how they may assist the Hurricane Katrina disaster victims. The purpose of this Notice to the Trade (NTT) is to provide guidance and procedures for those endeavors.

Product donations needed to support military families affected by Katrina will be accepted but must be shipped to a central location for further distribution. Other methods of donation will also be accepted but must be fully coordinated to avoid wasted effort.

While there are a number of charities that will support Katrina victims, we have had several queries regarding providing other than product donation support specifically for military families. While each of the Services have Aid or Relief organizations, an easy method to ensure members of the military, their families, and other authorized patrons are able to obtain foodstuff is through the Gift of Groceries “certifichек” program. A link to the “certifichек” program is available through the www.commissaries.com Web site. At this time distribution methods for this type of donation is very fluid, so please contact one of the DeCA representatives listed below for up-to-the-minute guidance.

Your interest and assistance in providing aid to military community on the gulf coast are greatly appreciated. Together as a team we can make a difference for the people of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and the other areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. DeCA’s central points of contact for any issues relating to the Katrina disaster are Mr. Robert Vitikacs, Director of Sales, at 804-734-8278 and Mr. Delbert Myrick, Deputy Director of Sales, at 804-734-8240.

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