

PSC

December 13, 2010

NOTICE TO THE TRADE - DeCA NOTICE 11-24

SUBJECT: Round Table Discussion - DeCA Beef and Pork Specifications

A round table discussion will be held on January 12 and 13, 2011, to discuss DeCA's Beef and Pork specification requirements. The round table discussion is scheduled for 8:30 am – 11:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Rooms 3 and 4 at the Defense Commissary Agency Headquarters, 1300 E Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-1800. All interested parties are invited. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Agency requirements for fresh beef and pork products, and to gather input from industry as to what products and trends are expected to be available in the foreseeable future. January 12<sup>th</sup> will be reserved for discussions about beef. January 13<sup>th</sup> will be reserved for discussions about pork. The morning session (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) will be for general discussions as a group. DeCA subject matter experts will be available during the afternoon (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.) for any one-on-one discussions that industry may be interested in scheduling. This schedule will apply to both dates.

A list of suggested topics for discussion is listed below. It is requested that any other questions, suggestions, recommendations, and concerns relating to the DeCA beef & pork specifications be submitted in writing, to the point of contact, by close of business January 7. This will enable DeCA to set up a final agenda to help facilitate the round table discussion.

Topics for discussion include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Recommendations for core list items (e.g., primal, sub-primals, single muscle cuts)
- Recommendations for optional and/or seasonal items
- Product enhancements (what is available?)
- Industry trends
- Lab testing of products
- Challenges ahead for the industry (e.g., transportation)

If unable to attend the round table discussion, interested parties may submit their comments via mail or e-mail to the Defense Commissary Agency, Marketing Business Unit, ATTN: PSC (Mr. Mo Estrada), 1300 E Avenue, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-1800, or [moisses.estrada@deca.mil](mailto:moisses.estrada@deca.mil).

My point of contact for this action is Mr. Estrada, Quality Assurance Specialist, (804) 734-8000, extension 4-8888.

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