



**DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY  
HEADQUARTERS  
1300 E AVENUE  
FORT LEE, VIRGINIA 23801-1800**

August 1, 2019

SO

NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 19-60

SUBJECT: Vendor Stocking Initiative Update #3

The purpose of this notice is to provide an update to Industry on DeCA's initiative to explore alternatives to the current vendor stocking program. For the purpose of this announcement, vendor stocking is defined as those services for FDS products not currently provided by the DeCA commercial activity contractor or under DSD orders/deliveries.

In an effort to address shelf stocking shortages, DeCA initiated a test to utilize a third party to accomplish vendor stocking at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Virginia (reference NTT 18-29). DeCA expanded the test on April 1 to four additional commissary locations: Fort Myer, Fort Riley, McGuire AFB, and Peterson AFB (reference NTT 19-20). On May 5 the test also expanded to the NB San Diego Commissary (reference NTT 19-24).

On August 15, DeCA will expand the test by utilizing a third party to accomplish the stocking of FDS brand name chill, frozen, and dry grocery products at the Imperial Beach Commissary.

The stocking of milk, eggs, fresh chicken, and NIB clip strips is not included as a part of this program.

Point of contact for this initiative is Mr. Jay Hudson, Principal Deputy Director, Store Operations, (804) 734-8000 extension 48127, or [jay.hudson@deca.mil](mailto:jay.hudson@deca.mil).

Michael J. Dowling  
Deputy Director