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AMENDMENT NO. 1

COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS
FRESH VEGETABLES

1. The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate the Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) Verification and the Food Defense System Survey (FDSS) requirements under Section D, Manufacturing Practices, FV314-CS1, Commodity Specifications, as follows:

D. Manufacturing Practices

1) **Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)** and Good Handling Practices (GHP)

3) **Food Defense System Survey (FDSS)**

In addition to the GAP/GHP requirements, all bidders, current and new, are also required to undergo an annual FDSS.

The purpose of conducting a FDSS is to minimize the risk of tampering or other malicious criminal actions against the food under the control of operators of food establishments. Operators of food establishments are encouraged to review their current procedures, controls, and work to mitigate the potential of tampering.

The AMS, Fruits and Vegetable Programs, FPB, will conduct the FDSS. A FDSS may be performed at any processing facility, storage, or offsite warehouse facility handling processed fruits, vegetables and/or related products in accordance with measures identified in the Food and Drug Administration's "Guidance for Industry, Food Producers, Processors, and Transporters: Food Security Preventive Measures Guidance." A successful FDSS demonstrates that a facility meets the Food Defense requirements of the USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch, and other programs requiring FDSS.

The FDSS must be completed within 12 months prior to the award of the contract and no later than 10 days prior to the first day of the contract shipping period for the first load on their contract. Failure to complete within the specified timeframe may result in the contract being terminated for default.

2. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

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