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NOTICE TO THE TRADE
BEEF AND PORK CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

This is to notify all beef and pork contractors and their subcontractors that effective April 1, 2008, the frequency of raw material supplier audits will increase to once per month. However, at the discretion of the Contracting Officer, more frequent audits may be conducted when audit deficiencies are detected. All contractors are encouraged to immediately notify their raw material suppliers of this important change. In the near future, a representative from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch will contact contractors and their subcontractors for a production schedule for audit planning purposes only. The actual audits will be unannounced.

If questions arise or further information is needed, please contact Duane Williams, Chief Commodity Procurement Branch on (202)720-2650 or me on (202) 720-5105.

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