NOTICE

Date: July 27, 2007
Reference: # FDP 2007-3
To: Food Distribution Program (FDP) Contractors
Subject: Removal of Shortening From the Commodity Foods Availability List

Purpose
This Notice is to inform FDP contractors of the elimination of shortening from the commodity foods availability list. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is eliminating all forms of shortening (both hard and liquid forms) from the commodity foods availability list in keeping with the goal to bring all USDA-donated commodities in line with the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Vegetable oil will continue to be available to FDP contractors who currently use shortening for cooking and food preparation.

Implementation
School Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008)

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If you have any questions please contact your Contract Technician.