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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FOOD FOR PEACE OFFICERS

TO: USAID/Washington and Overseas Distribution Lists
& Implementing Partners

FROM: DCHA/FFP/D, Jeff Borns, Director

SUBJECT: Transition From FARES to WBSCM

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I. Purpose

This is to convey urgent requirements for implementation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) commodity procurement system for export programs.

II. Summary

Beginning in Calendar Year 2009, Public Law 480 Title II implementing partners will no longer be able to enter commodity requests into USDA's Food Aid Request Entry System (FARES) which will become obsolete and superseded by WBSCM. In order to properly transition from FARES to WBSCM, all organizations using the FARES system will need to do two things:



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First, they must identify 1-to-2 Points-of-Contact in each organization to be trained and ensure that all the organization's staff is familiar with the system.

Second, they must provide the names, position titles, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of every staff member who may use the system so that arrangements can be made by USDA to establish WBSCM passwords, system roles, and responsibilities.

Please forward this information within the next 30 days to Hilary Hartman of AMEX International via e-mail: HHartman@amexdc.com.