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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 20-33

SUBJECT: Category Review Notification – Organic HBC

The purpose of this notice is to advise Industry the Sales Directorate will begin the category review for Organic HBC in April 2020. Appointments / presentations will be accepted April 14-16 and April 21-23. Appointment requests must be submitted no later than March 31. The attached template identifies the category to be reviewed, category review objectives, and relevant information.

Questions regarding this review may be directed to Ruth Mereus, Merchandising Specialist, at <a href="mailto:ruth.mereus@deca.mil">ruth.mereus@deca.mil</a> or 804-734-8000 extension 48635.

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Attachments: As stated

## **CATEGORY PLAN** ( Publish 30 Days Prior to Category Review) FOrganic HBC Category: 07250 Universe of Items Included (e.g. D/C/G codes): Planogram Name / Number\*: \*Category definition based on current and previous published planograms (to include items that have been phased out). Regional items (Include / Exclude): Include Optional items (Include / Exclude): Exclude One-time buy/seasonal items (Include / Exclude): Exclude Club packs (Include / Exclude): Exclude Category Segmentation (if different than D/C/G codes identified above): April 2020 Category Review Month (MM/YYYY): Approximately 2 years ago Date Last Completed (MM/YYYY): La Rue Smith Category Manager: Implementation / Scorecard to be Managed by: Ruth Mereus / LaRue Smith Category Role (e.g. Destination, Routine, Convenience): Marketing Strategy: To be determined by Industry/DeCA during review. Discussion to include, but not limited to, topics below: Number of Promotions Per Year: Seasonal Promotions?: Theme Event? Method (i.e. Mandate): Increase sales for the category by using retail best practice, and optimize variety Category Objectives: while meeting pack out. Special Factors/Notes: Focus on new innovation while maintaining top sellers. (Examples - Focus on emerging category trends, new item introductions, consumer segmentation...) Evaluation Criteria: Current Category POG Size (in Linear Feet): K5 (e.g. 12ft) 12ft K4 (e.g. 12ft) 12ft K3 (e.g. 12ft) 8ft K2 (e.g. 12ft) 4ft K1 (e.g. 8ft) 1ft 03/2020 Preferred Period Ending for Data (MM/YYYY): Preferred Timeframe for Data (e.g 26 Weeks) 52, 26 and 13 Weeks Data - Geography (e.g. Worldwide, ConUS) CONUS to include AK, HI and PR Dollars/Units Primary Ranking of Data (Packages, Dollars) Secondary Ranking of Data (Packages, Dollars): ACV/Patron Savings

Retail Market and AOC

Comparison Retail Market (e.g. All Other Channels\*\*, Remaining Markets)