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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 21-66

SUBJECT: European Health Certificate Requirements

I believe most are aware and have seen the recent news reference the European Commission mandating health certificates for all shelf stable composite meat and plant items being shipped to Europe. Currently this entails approximately 1,700 line items.

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has held multiple meetings with the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, and the Dutch authorities have agreed to allow 451 current inbound containers destined for Rotterdam to flow as they normally have in the past. However, going forward the European Union (EU) has indicated that health certificates will be required.

MDV/SpartanNash has notified all manufacturers and is awaiting information from many suppliers, reference items that require health certificates. It is imperative that you provide this information to MDV/SpartanNash immediately or future shipments of your products to Europe will be affected.

Additionally, MDV/SpartanNash has provided instructions that all U.S. food facilities manufacturing, processing, packing or holding food for human or animal consumption must register and be on the EU approval list. Registration must be completed no later than March 31, 2021 to ensure the movement of your product to Europe is not disrupted. The U.S Food and Drug Administration weblink for registration is as follows:
<https://www.access.fda.gov/oaa/logonFlow.htm?execution=e1s1>.

For further information please contact your MDV/SpartanNash Business Manager.

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