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SUBJECT: OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations"

TO: All Program Participants

BACKGROUND:

On July 14, 2004, I issued a notice to all program participants receiving funds under the Market Access Program, the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program, the Emerging Markets Program, the Quality Samples Program, or the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops program of the need to comply with OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

Since the issuance of this notice, FAS has received numerous inquiries concerning the A-133 requirements. FAS, working in conjunction with the U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council, has arranged for an A-133 training session to be conducted at the annual workshop in November. We hope that many of your questions and concerns will be addressed at that time.

POLICY:

FAS is postponing the effect date of the notice issued on July 14, 2004. All program participants will be subject to the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 effective January 1, 2005. However, program participants may have an audit conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 prior to this date.

Please contact the Marketing Operations Staff at 202-720-4327 if you have questions.

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