

United States Department of Agriculture **Notice to the Industry** 

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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services All Warehouse Operators Approved Under the Uniform Grain and

Rice Storage Agreement

Farm Service Agency

SUBJECT: Annual Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement Renewal

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The purpose of this Notice is to provide information about changes to the annual contract renewal process for warehouse operators with an approved Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA). These changes will reduce paperwork for warehouse operators who are not revising their storage and handling rates.

In the past, the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) generated and mailed a Warehouse Approved Rates on File Report (STORR18W), detailing the storage and handling rates for each approved warehouse code. The warehouse operator was required to sign and return STORR18W to confirm that current storage and handling rates would remain in effect for another year, or submit a new Schedule of Rates (CCC-25-2) with proposed changes.

Under the new renewal process, EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2005-2006 UGRSA CONTRACT, the warehouse operator will not receive STORR18W from KCCO. KCCO will mail the Grain Warehouse Data Report (STORR64A), which lists current storage and handling rates, loading and unloading capabilities, storage capacities, and other important information about their business as it appears in KCCO records. If all information on STORR64A is correct, and the warehouse operator does not wish to change storage or handling rates, NO ACTION IS NECESSARY. If any of the information included in the STORR64A report is incorrect, the warehouse operator must advise KCCO of the error by telephone, facsimile message, email, or regular mail.

To change storage and/or handling rates, warehouse operators must submit a CCC-25-2 to KCCO, Bulk Commodities Division (BCD). The form CCC-25-2 will be mailed out to warehouse operators in mid-November to ensure that all contractual changes are made within the required timeline. It is important to note that current storage and handling rates will remain in effect for another year for warehouse operators that do not timely submit CCC-25-2 with proposed changes.

This new renewal process will hopefully alleviate administrative burdens for both warehouse operators and KCCO staff. Please feel free to contact KCCO-BCD at (816) 926-6446 with any questions.

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