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To: All Trade Councils
Re: Latest NISS Enhancements

Dear Trade Partners,

I am very pleased to announce the latest in a series of upcoming enhancements to our New Item Submission System (NISS). Many of these enhancements came from suggestions put forward by the trade, and I extend our thanks to the members of the trade who graciously participated in the testing phase.

Below is a summary of the enhancements being deployed:

Improvements to notifications

- The names of the previous and new calls will be included in the notification of a submission transfer
- Notifications will reference the Vendor name and number
- Agents will be notified when label and carton evaluations are available for viewing

Expanded field capabilities

- Auto-populate fields such as Vendor quotation currency, Vendor quote type and user e-mail address
- Specify Producer information if different from Supplier
- Filter submissions by 'Supplier' or 'Status'
- Modify the percentage alcohol field by the Agent prior to submitting a sample to Category

Improved functionality

- Barcode label printing
- Uploading label and carton evaluation



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Changes to requirements

- Some of the information currently required at the pre-submission stage (e.g. carton dimensions, cases per container) is postponed to a later stage in the process, thereby eliminating the need for products that do not proceed past pre-submission
- Supplier e-mail address will no longer be a mandatory field

Our goal is to make entering and managing a submission in NISS more efficient. We hope you will find these latest enhancements beneficial. Another communication will be distributed in late April confirming the deployment date and more detailed instructions on using the enhancements.

Regards,

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