**Cargo Preference Compliance**

**Foreign Agricultural Service – Notice to the Trade**

To: All Implementing Partners, their Freight Forwarders, and all other Interested Parties

This notice serves as a reminder to all USDA implementing partners and their freight forwarders that, in accordance with Federal Regulations, ocean freight bills of lading should be submitted directly to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) within 20 working days of the date of loading for shipments originating in the United States or within 30 working days for shipments originating outside the United State pursuant to 46 CFR 381.3(a) and (b) (see <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-46/section-381.3>).

Effective immediately, all bills of lading documents should be sent to [Cargo.MARAD@dot.gov](mailto:Cargo.MARAD@dot.gov) & [James.Mead@dot.gov](mailto:James.Mead@dot.gov). If any bills of lading from fiscal year 2022 have not been provided to MARAD, please ensure that they are provided immediately.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Nick Kharabadze at (202) 720-0143.