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in the country where they will be delivered, and the extent to which any sale or barter of the requested commodities would displace or interfere with any sales that may otherwise be made by the applicant or any other entity in the country where they will be delivered; and

(17) Any additional required items set forth on the FAS Web site at <http://www.fas.usda.gov>.

§ 1499.5 Agreements.

(a) After FAS approves an applicant's proposal, FAS will develop an agreement in consultation with the applicant. The agreement will set forth the obligations of CCC and the participant. A participant must comply with the terms of the agreement to receive assistance.

(b) A participant shall not use donated commodities, sale proceeds, income or CCC-provided funds for any activity or any expenses incurred by the participant prior to the date of the agreement or after the agreement is suspended or terminated, except as approved by FAS.

(c) The agreement will include a budget that sets forth the maximum amounts of sale proceeds and CCC-provided funds that may be expended for various purposes under the agreement. A participant may make adjustments to this budget without prior approval from FAS only as specified in the agreement.

(d) Prior to providing any donated commodities or CCC-provided funds to a participant under an agreement, FAS may require the participant to complete a training program administered by FAS that is designed to ensure that the participant is aware of, and has the capacity to complete, all required reporting and audit functions set forth in this part.

(e) A participant will be prohibited from using CCC-provided funds to acquire goods and services, either directly or indirectly through another party, from certain countries that will be specified in the agreement. Any violation of this provision of the agreement will be a basis for immediate termination by CCC of the agreement, in addition to the imposition of any other applicable civil and criminal penalties.

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(f) The agreement will prohibit the sale or transshipment of the donated commodities to a country not specified in the agreement for as long as such donated commodities are controlled by the participant.

(g) CCC may enter into a multi-country agreement in which donated commodities are delivered to one country and activities are carried out in another.

(h) CCC may provide donated commodities and CCC-provided funds under a multiyear agreement contingent upon the availability of commodities and funds.

§ 1499.6 Payments.

(a) If the participant arranges for transportation in accordance with § 1499.7(b)(2), and the participant seeks payment directly, the participant shall, as specified in the agreement, either submit to FAS, or maintain on file and make available to FAS, the following documents:

(1) A signed copy of the completed Form CCC-512;

(2) The original, or a true copy of, each on-board bill of lading indicating the freight rate and signed by the originating carrier;

(3) For all non-containerized cargoes:
(i) A signed copy of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Official Stowage Examination Certificate (Vessel Hold Certificate);

(ii) A signed copy of the National Cargo Bureau Certificate of Readiness (Vessel Hold Inspection Certificate); and,

(iii) A signed copy of the National Cargo Bureau Certificate of Loading;

(4) For all containerized cargoes, a copy of the FGIS Container Condition Inspection Certificate;

(5) A signed copy of the liner booking note or charter party covering ocean transportation of the cargo;

(6) In the case of charter shipments, a signed notice of arrival at the first discharge port, unless FAS has determined that circumstances of force majeure have prevented the vessel's arrival at the first port of discharge;

(7) A request by the participant for reimbursement of freight, survey costs other than at load port, and other expenses approved by CCC, indicating the

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amount due and accompanied by a certification from the carrier or other parties that payments have been received from the participant; and

(8) A document on letterhead and signed by an officer or agent of the participant specifying the name of the entity to receive payment; the bank ABA number to which payment is to be made; the account number for the deposit at the bank; the participant's taxpayer identification number; and the type of the account into which the payment will be deposited.

(b) If the participant arranges for transportation in accordance with §1499.7(b)(2), and the participant has used a freight forwarder, the participant shall cause the freight forwarder to submit the documents specified in §1499.6(a) in order to receive payment from CCC.

(c) In no case will CCC reimburse a participant for demurrage costs or pay demurrage to any other entity.

(d) If FAS has agreed to pay the costs of transporting, storing, and distributing the donated commodities from the designated port or point of entry, the participant will be reimbursed in the manner set forth in the agreement.

(e) If the agreement authorizes the payment of CCC-provided funds, CCC will pay these funds to the participant on a reimbursement for expenses basis, except as provided in paragraph (f)(1) of this section. The participant shall request the payment of CCC-provided funds to reimburse it for authorized expenses in the manner set forth in the agreement.

(f)(1) A participant may request an advance of the amount of funds specified in the agreement. FAS will not approve any request for an advance if:

(i) It is received earlier than 60 days after the date of a previous advance made in connection with the same agreement; or

(ii) Any required reports, as specified in §1499.13 and in the agreement, are more than six months in arrears.

(2) Except as may otherwise be provided in the agreement, the participant shall deposit and maintain in a bank account located in the United States all funds advanced by CCC. The account shall be interest-bearing, unless the exceptions in §3019.22(k) of this

title apply, or FAS determines that this requirement would constitute an undue burden. The participant shall remit semi-annually to CCC any interest earned on the advanced funds. The participant shall, no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, submit a financial statement to FAS accounting for all funds advanced and all interest earned.

(3) The participant shall return to CCC any funds that are advanced by CCC if such funds have not been obligated as of the 180th day after the advance was made. Such funds and interest shall be transferred to FAS within 30 days of such date.

(g) If a participant is required to pay funds to CCC in connection with an agreement, the participant shall make such payment in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise approved in advance by FAS.

(h) Suppliers of commodities shall seek payment according to the purchase contract with CCC.

§ 1499.7 Transportation of goods.

(a) Shipments of donated commodities are subject to the requirements of 46 U.S.C. 55305 and 55314, regarding carriage on U.S.-flag vessels.

(b) Transportation of donated commodities and other goods such as bags that may be provided by CCC under FFPr will be acquired under a specific agreement in the manner determined by FAS. Such transportation will be acquired by:

(1) CCC in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), USDA's procurement regulations set forth in chapter 4 of title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations (the AGAR), and directives issued by the Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management, USDA; or

(2) The participant, with reimbursement by CCC, in the manner specified in the agreement.

(c) A participant that acquires transportation in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section may only use the services of a freight forwarder that is licensed by the FMC and that would not have a conflict of interest in carrying out the freight forwarder duties. To assist FAS in determining whether there is a potential conflict of interest, the participant must submit