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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DECA NOTICE 16-65

SUBJECT: Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) Update

The purpose of this NTT is to alert vendors of DeCA's plan to transition to a new GDSN standard called Major Release 3 (MjR3), that is being mandated for all GDSN users globally. MjR3 is scheduled to begin transitioning on May 19, 2016, which will cause the system to be offline until May 26, 2016. During this time, DeCA's existing Product Information Management (PIM) solution will be discontinued and DeCA will no longer be able to validate and communicate item data electronically through Catalog Item Notification (CIN) and Catalog Item Confirmation (CIC) messaging. Instead, manual validation will be completed by DeCA's Sales Division via DeCA's Recipient Data Pool, 1WorldSync Item Management.

DeCA plans to transition to the new standard in two phases to lessen the impact to our vendors and to better support the rollout of its new product information platform, Enterprise Business Solution (EBS), as follows:

Phase I, Vendor-side synchronization. During phase I, the current process for the vendor community will remain in place. For those companies who synchronize their data with DeCA, please continue publishing new items, item attribute changes, and item deletes through your GDSN certified data pool, as DeCA will be continuing to obtain this information from these sources. New items from current suppliers must be published to DeCA, via GDSN, prior to presentation of DeCA Form 40-15 to DeCA Category Managers.

Phase II, DeCA (recipient)-side synchronization. When EBS goes live, DeCA will re-initiate full electronic data synchronization with GDSN. In addition, DeCA will implement 1WorldSync's Product Introduction (PI) solution. GDSN data published to DeCA will be available in PI for validation against DeCA's product data requirements. The vendor community will login to the PI through 1WorldSync's website to ensure full product data compliance for products being sold or would like be sold to DeCA. The data will then synchronize with EBS. EBS will communicate electronically back to the vendors through PI and GDSN regarding item setup status (received, accepted, synchronized, or declined).

If a supplier has never done business with DeCA, please refer to NTT 14-54 for further direction.

Questions regarding this GDSN initiative should be submitted by email to GDS@deca.mil.


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