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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 26 – 123

SUBJECT: Category Review Notification – Fruit Can Jar & Vegetable Can

The purpose of this notice is to advise Industry the Sales Directorate will begin the category reviews for Fruit Can Jar and Vegetable Can in June 2026. In accordance with Notice to the Trade 26 – 123 - Calendar Year 2026 Category Review Schedule, DeCA will begin leveraging the Category Captains and Validators model.

Fruit Can Jar Category Captain: S&K
Fruit Can Jar Category Validator: EURPAC
Vegetable Can Category Captain: S&K
Vegetable Can Category Validator: EURPAC

Appointments/Presentations will be held on June 15 – 26, 2026. Appointment requests must be submitted no later than June 1, 2026.

All files larger than 5 MB should be uploaded to the DoD SAFE at the following website: <https://safe.apps.mil>. This review is open for current and potential new vendors seeking business opportunities with DeCA. The attached template identifies the categories to be reviewed, category review objectives, and relevant information.

Questions regarding these reviews and appointment requests may be directed to Johnathan Harris, Merchandising Specialist, at Johnathan.Harris@deca.mil or 804-734-8000 extension 48314.

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Attachments:
As stated,

CATEGORY PLAN

Category:

Universe of Items Included (e.g. D/C/G codes) :

Planogram Name / Number*:

*Category definition based on current and previous published planograms (to include items that have been phased out).

Regional items (Include / Exclude):

Exclude

Optional items (Include / Exclude):

Include

One-time buy/seasonal items (Include / Exclude):

Include

Club packs (Include / Exclude):

Include

Category Segmentation (if different than D/C/G codes identified above):

Category Evaluation Month (MM/YYYY):

June 2026

Date Last Completed (MM/YYYY):

May 2025 / August 2025

Category Manager:

Implementation / Scorecard to be Managed by:

Category Role (e.g. Destination, Routine, Convenience) :

Basket Builder

Marketing Strategy:

To be determined by Industry/DeCA during Evaluation. Discussion to include, but not limited to, topics below:

Number of Promotions Per Year:

Yes

Seasonal Promotions?:

Yes

Theme Event?

Yes

Method (i.e. Mandate):

Category Objectives:

Increase sales and units for the category by using retail best practices and optimize variety while meeting pack out

Special Factors/Notes:

Focus on new innovation while maintaining the top sellers, discuss base cost concerns ad margin

(Examples - Focus on emerging category trends, new item introductions, consumer segmentation...)

Evaluation Criteria:

Current Category POG Size (in Linear Feet):

K4 (e.g. 12ft)

16ft

K3 (e.g. 12ft)

12ft

K2 (e.g. 12ft)

8ft

K1 (e.g. 8ft)

Preferred Period Ending for Data (MM/YYYY):

May 2026

Preferred Timeframe for Data (e.g 26 Weeks)

13 and 52 weeks

Data - Geography (e.g. Worldwide, ConUS)

CONUS including AK/HI

Primary Ranking of Data (Packages, Dollars)

Patron Savings/Dollars/Units

Secondary Ranking of Data (Packages, Dollars):

ACV

Comparison Retail Market (e.g. All Other Channels**, Remaining Markets)

xAOC

Review Milestones

NTT Release

May 2026

Vendor Presentations

June 15th – 26th, 2026

Results Published

July 15, 2026

New Item Start Date

September 1, 2026

New Items in Distributor by

August 28, 2026

POG's Published

September 7, 2026

Store Resets Start

September 14, 2026

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