



Important Notice

December 16, 2002

Dear Vendor:

The standard terms and conditions of trade of Metro Inc. will change, effective January 1, 2003, to include an amendment requiring all product listing information to be made available through ECCnet, Canada's National Product Registry. Please find the amendment attached for your records.

ECCnet, Canada's National Product Registry, is a not-for-profit, industry-led initiative that provides a single point of access between vendors, retailers and distributors, streamlining and supporting the day-to-day e-commerce requirements of the supply chain. To improve efficiencies through the supply chain, the Grocery, Foodservice and Pharmacy Retail sectors in Canada are implementing ECCnet as part of their standard conditions and terms of trade on January 1, 2003.

Over the past twelve months, ECCnet and Metro Inc. have consistently communicated with you regarding these pending changes to our standard terms and conditions of trade and your ECCnet Certification deadline of December 31, 2002.

If you have loaded your product information into ECCnet, we thank you. If you have not loaded or completed your ECCnet Certification process, please be advised that beginning January 1, 2003 **Metro Inc. will not accept new product listings or product presentations without prior data loading into ECCnet.** Accordingly, please load all your product information into ECCnet immediately. ECCnet and Metro Inc. would like to help you become ECCnet Certified. If you are in danger of missing your ECCnet Certification deadline, we encourage you to contact ECCnet at 1-800-567-7084 or info@eccnet.org.

As a valued supplier to Metro Inc., we thank you for adhering to our standard terms and conditions of trade.

Metro Inc.