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**COMMENT**

Ms. Jean A. Webb  
Secretary  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of the U S Rice Producers Association to express our support for the Proposed Amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade Rough Rice Futures Contract Regarding Quality Specifications for Deliverable Rough Rice, as published for comment in the Federal Register on November 12, 1999.

The U S Rice Producers Association represents rice producers in Mississippi, Missouri, Texas, and California. The association also includes associate members including rice mills, rice exporters and other entities with economic ties to the rice industry.

It is the opinion of our producer members that the amended rough rice contract will bring the contract's delivery specifications more in line with the specifications and practices ordinarily observed in the cash markets for rice. As such, we also believe that the amended contract will positively affect the deliverable supplies of rice for the futures contract.

Sincerely,

Dennis DeLaughter  
Chairman

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cc: Commissioners, Commodity Futures Trading Commission