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Dear Vendor:

As you may be aware, on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted a comprehensive Ordinance banning single use plastic carryout bags at stores in the County unincorporated areas, while requiring those stores to charge \$0.10 for each recyclable paper bag provided to a customer. We are writing to remind you that you may not charge WIC participants for any form of bags during WIC transactions.

According to 12.85.060 of this ordinance:

**All stores must provide at the point of sale, free of charge, either reusable bags or recyclable paper carryout bags or both, at the store's option, to any customer participating either in the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 123275) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code or in the Supplemental Food Program pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 15500) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.**

If you have questions regarding this ordinance, please contact your local vendor liaison or visit the LA County Carryout Bag Ordinance website at <http://www.aboutthebag.com/> that provides all the information related to the ordinance.

Sincerely,

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