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Subject: Cold Chain Management – Temperature Monitoring

It is Kroger's commitment and belief that everyone should have access to fresh, affordable, and delicious food. Our brand ethos, Fresh for Everyone is focused on providing undeniably fresh food through innovative and sustainable solutions across the supply chain from farm to table.

One of these solutions is maintaining the cold chain process through accurately monitoring the temperature for all inbound perishable loads. Kroger is requiring the use of continuous temperature monitoring on all produce loads, from farm to delivery, to ensure peak of freshness. It is important to maintain the proper air temperature as mismanagement can cause product damage that has a lasting effect on freshness.

The use of continuous temperature monitoring will expedite our receiving and quality assurance process on inbound shipments of perishable loads to further guarantee produce quality and consistency. It will also allow us to share temperature related data with our shippers and vendors and will ensure compliance with the 2016 Sanitary Food Transportation Act.

The **Kroger Inbound Produce Temperature Requirements** outline the required temperature ranges for each produce commodity; items should be maintained within these ranges to ensure peak of freshness. If the temperature is out of the required range, the load will be subject to possible rejection upon delivery. It is our expectation that suppliers will proactively monitor and manage cold chain upon delivery to Kroger.

These temperature requirements should be in place prior to the start of our fiscal year beginning 1/29/2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your compliance and support in helping Kroger provide the highest quality and freshest produce to our customers.

For reference this document will be maintained on our website:
<https://www.thekrogerco.com/vendors-suppliers/supplier-hub/>

Thank you,

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