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**American Arbitration Association Selected as Intermediary for the
American Fats and Oils Association**

NEW YORK, April 8, 2009 – The American Arbitration Association (AAA), the world's leading provider of conflict management and dispute resolution services, has been selected by the American Fats and Oils Association (AFOA) as the official administrator of their arbitration program. The choice reflects AAA's expertise in resolving complex commercial disputes. The AAA will administer the cases through its domestic and international case management centers around the globe.

"AAA is extremely pleased to provide the AFOA with comprehensive dispute resolution services. In today's global economy the efficient sale and transportation of goods across the world is critical, and organizations such as the AFOA must have in place established protocols to resolve disputes that may arise," said Sandra Partridge, vice president, AAA.

The AAA-AFOA partnership establishes resolution protocols for thousands of contracts governing the trading and transportation of animal tallow and grease, vegetable oils, animal and poultry proteins, fishmeal and fish oil. Under this agreement, the AAA will adapt a specific set of arbitration rules and procedures for AFOA members which will be customized for their needs. The AFOA will maintain a roster of neutrals, with specific industry expertise.

About the American Arbitration Association

The global leader in conflict management since 1926, the American Arbitration Association is a not-for-profit, public service organization committed to the resolution of disputes through the use of arbitration, mediation, conciliation, negotiation, democratic elections and other voluntary procedures. In 2007, nearly 128,000 cases were filed with the Association in a full range of matters including commercial, construction, labor, employment, insurance, international and claims program disputes. Through 30 offices in the United States, Ireland, Mexico, and Singapore, the AAA provides a forum for the hearing of disputes, rules and procedures and a roster of impartial experts to resolve cases. Find more information online at www.adr.org.

About the American Fats and Oils Association

The American Fats and Oils Association, Inc., (AFOA) is a 50 year-old, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to foster trade and commerce within the United States and elsewhere for animal, fish, and vegetable fats, oils and proteins. The association works toward uniformity and certainty in the standards of such products and in the customs and usages of the trade. Learn more about the AFOA at www.afoaonline.org.

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