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## September Worldwide Case Lot Sale Cancelled

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**FORT LEE, Va.** – The Defense Commissary Agency is cancelling its September case lot sale because of budgetary reductions mandated under sequestration.

This announcement follows DeCA's decision in February to cancel the May case lot sale. The case lot cancellations are part of ongoing steps to reduce operating costs wherever possible. Those steps include a hiring freeze, restrictions for official travel, and postponement of all Guard and Reserve on-site sales after July 8 until further notice.

"Sequestration has forced the commissary to look for cost-saving measures," said Michelle Frost, DeCA's chief of promotions and marketing. "Even though we have cancelled September case lots, we will offer our customers other sale events more frequently to maximize their savings."

Commissaries will continue to offer savings on sidewalk sales, truckload events and instore promotions. Stores will also continue to offer items in the value-sized, economical 'club pack' format found in off-base club warehouse stores, said Charlie Dowlen, DeCA's promotions manager.

"Customers will still have the chance to save money through the other sales," Dowlen said. "They can save up to 30 to 40 percent on items in the regular promotional packages and up to 30 percent on club packs."

Customers should check with their local commissary to get information about upcoming sales. Customers can visit commissaries.com, click on the "Locations" tab on the home page,

then "Alphabetical Listing", find your local store, and then click on "Local Store Information." They can also click on the "Shopping" tab on the home page to access promotional prices.

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