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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures provided for in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the updated quantity trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture. It also includes the relevant period applicable for trigger levels on each of those products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy S. McKinnell, Multilateral Trade Negotiations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, room 5530–South

Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250–1022, telephone at (202) 720–6064, or email mckinnell@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 5 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication during the Uruguay Round if certain conditions are met. The agreement permits additional duties to be charged if the price of an individual shipment of imported products falls below the average price for similar goods imported during the years 1986–88 by a specified percentage. It also permits additional duties to be imposed if the volume of imports of an article exceeds the average of the most recent 3 years for which data are available by 5, 10, or 25 percent, depending on the article. These additional duties may not be imposed on quantities for which minimum or current access commitments were made during the Uruguay Round negotiations, and only one type of safeguard, price or quantity, may be applied at any given time to an article.

Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act requires that the President cause to be published in the **Federal Register** information regarding the price and quantity safeguards, including the quantity trigger levels, which must be updated annually based upon import levels during the most recent three years. The President

delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, dated December 23, 1994. The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated the duty to the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (7 CFR 2.43 (a)(2)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels.

Additional information on the products subject to safeguards and the additional duties which may apply can be found in subchapter IV of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and in the Secretary of Agriculture’s Notice of Safeguard Action, published in the **Federal Register** at 60 FR427 on January 4, 1995.

Notice

As provided in section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously notified are superceded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice.

Issued at Washington, DC this 29th day of February, 2000.

Timothy J. Galvin,
Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Annex

The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the **Federal Register**, at 60 FR 427 on Wednesday, January 4, 1995.

QUANTITY BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER

Product	Trigger level	Period
Beef	982,666 mt	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Mutton	12,612 mt	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Cream	6,527,820 liters	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	4,584,100 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Nonfat Dry Milk	4,426,348 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Dried Whole Milk	2,735,859 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Dried Cream	541 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	147,571 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Butter	7,335,863 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	7,480,980 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Dairy Mixtures	3,000,734 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Blue Cheese	3,309,790 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Cheddar Cheese	14,724,970 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
American Type Cheese	7,848,260 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Edam/Gouda Cheese	7,029,019 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Italian-Type Cheese	16,396,083 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	35,361,386 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Gruyere Process Cheese	8,008,352 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Lowfat Cheese	3,374,284 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
NSPF Cheese	51,102,583 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Peanuts	49,248 mt	April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

QUANTITY BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER—Continued

Product	Trigger level	Period
Peanut Butter/Paste	53,000 mt	April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.
Raw Cane Sugar	21,031 mt	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Refined Sugar and Syrups	2,366,204 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Blended Syrups	1,945,430 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
Articles Over 65% Sugar	25,484 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Articles Over 10% Sugar	27,058 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	0 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Chocolate Crumb	0 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	0 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	0 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
Mixes and Doughs	80,282 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Mixed Condiments and	80,282 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
Seasonings	2,445 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Ice Cream	1,555 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
Animal Feed Containing Milk	21,252,239 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Short Staple Cotton	176 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Harsh or Rough Cotton	84,751 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
Medium Staple Cotton	5,424 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Extra Long Staple Cotton	6,064 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
Cotton Waste	253 mt	October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	232 mt	October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
	1,516,320 liters	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
	1,339,075 kilograms	January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.
	17,211,112 kilograms	September 20, 1999 to September 19, 2000.
	5,340,573 kilograms	September 20, 2000 to September 19, 2001.
	0 mt	August 1, 1999 to July 31, 2000.
	0 mt	August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001.
	9,664 kilograms	August 1, 1999 to July 31, 2000.
	622,754 kilograms	August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001.
	32,995 kilograms	August 1, 1999 to July 31, 2000.
	1,482,280 kilograms	August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001.
	13,378 kilograms	September 20, 1999 to September 19, 2000.
	0 kilograms	September 20, 2000 to September 19, 2001.
	383 kilograms	September 11, 1999 to September 10, 2000.
	798 kilograms	September 11, 2000 to September 10, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Granite Area Mining Projects; Umatilla National Forest, Grant County, Oregon

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposed action to approve Proposed Plans of Operation on mining claims located in the Granite Area, within the Granite Creek watershed, a tributary to the North Fork John Day River. The project area is located on the North Fork John Day Ranger District, approximately 34 air miles southeast of Ukiah, Oregon.

The proposed action is a compilation of plans submitted by claimants operating within the analysis area. These plans describe the type of mining operations proposed and how they would be conducted, the type and

standard of access routes, the means of transportation to be used, the period during which the proposed mining activity will take place and measures to be taken to meet the requirements for environmental protection. Operations include the exploration and extraction of valuable minerals from placer and lode deposits. Methods range from hand panning to more complex operations utilizing mechanical equipment. The 1990 Land and the Resource Management Plan FEIS for the Umatilla National Forest, as amended, provides overall guidance for management of this area. Some of the operations planned in the proposed action may not be in compliance with this plan.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received on or before April 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions to the Responsible Official, Craig Smith-Dixon, North Fork John Day District Ranger, P.O. Box 158, Ukiah, OR 97880.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Reed, Project Team Leader, North Fork John Day Ranger District. Phone: (541) 427-3231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The decision area includes approximately 900 acres of claimed lands within the Umatilla National Forest in Grant County, Oregon. It is within the boundary of the Granite Creek Watershed. The legal description of the decision area is as follows: T8-10S, R34, 35, 35½E, W.M. surveyed. Some proposed activities are within the boundary of the North Fork John Day Wilderness Area.

Gold was discovered in the project area in 1864 and a small gold rush shortly followed. Most of the gold produced in this area was placer gold mined from the gravel and bars of streams. There were also several large producing gold and silver mines. A large-scale dredge operated in many of the area streams in the later 1930's. Most of the big mining was over by the 1950's as the economical discoveries were mined out. Exploration continues but no major production is occurring. Most current mining activity consists of small-scale placer operations.

During the past years, several species of fish residing within streams located in or near the project area have been listed as threatened under the