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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

7 CFR Part 6

Adjustment of Appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2003 Tariff-Rate Quota Year

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document sets forth the revised appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2003 quota year reflecting the cumulative annual transfers from Appendix 1 to Appendix 2 for certain dairy product import licenses permanently surrendered by licensees or revoked by the Licensing Authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 13, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foreign Agricultural Service, under a delegation of authority from the Secretary of Agriculture, administers the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.37 that provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles under tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) as set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. These dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the low-tier tariff by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, issues these licenses and, in conjunction with the U.S. Customs Service, monitors their use.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.34(a) states: "Whenever a historical license (Appendix 1) is not issued to an applicant pursuant to the provisions of § 6.23, is permanently surrendered, or is

revoked by the Licensing Authority, the amount of such license will be transferred to Appendix 2." Section 6.34(b) provides that the cumulative annual transfers will be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this document sets forth the revised Appendices for the 2003 tariff-rate quota year.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 6

Agricultural commodities, Cheese, Dairy products, Imports, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

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Licensing Authority.

■ Accordingly, 7 CFR Part 6 is amended as follows:

PART 6—IMPORT QUOTAS AND FEES

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 6, Subpart—Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing continues to read as follows:

Authority: Additional U.S. Notes 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16-23 and 25 to Chapter 4 and General Note 15 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202), Pub. L. 97-258, 96 Stat. 1051, as amended (31 U.S.C. 9701), and secs. 103 and 404, Pub. L. 103-465, 108 Stat. 4819 (19 U.S.C. 3513 and 3601).

■ 2. Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Subpart—Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing are revised to read as follows:

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Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Subpart--Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing

Articles Subject to: Appendix 1, Historical Licenses; Appendix 2, Nonhistorical Licenses;
and Appendix 3, Designated Importer Licenses for Quota Year 2003
(quantities in kilograms)

Article by Additional U.S. Note Number and Country of Origin <u>NON-CHEESE ARTICLES</u>	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Appendix 3	
			Tokyo Round	Uruguay Round
BUTTER (NOTE 6)	5,465,951	1,511,049		
EU-15	75,918	20,243		
New Zealand	118,082	32,511		
Other Countries	62,639	11,296		
Any Country	5,209,312	1,446,999		
DRIED SKIM MILK (NOTE 7)	600,076	4,660,924		
Australia	600,076			
Canada		219,565		
Any Country		4,441,359		
DRIED WHOLE MILK (NOTE 8)	3,175	3,318,125		
New Zealand	3,175			
Any Country		3,318,125		
DRIED BUTTERMILK/WHEY (NOTE 12)	63,820	161,161		
Canada		161,161		
New Zealand	63,820			
BUTTER SUBSTITUTES CONTAINING OVER 45 PERCENT OF BUTTERFAT AND/OR BUTTER OIL (NOTE 14)		6,080,500		
Any Country		6,080,500		
TOTAL: NON-CHEESE ARTICLES	6,133,022	15,731,759		

Article by Additional U.S. Note Number and Country of Origin <u>CHEESE ARTICLES</u>	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Appendix 3	
			Tokyo Round	Uruguay Round
CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE (EXCEPT: SOFT RIPENED COW'S MILK CHEESE; CHEESE NOT CONTAINING COW'S MILK; CHEESE (EXCEPT COTTAGE CHEESE) CONTAINING 0.5 PERCENT OR LESS BY WEIGHT OF BUTTERFAT; AND, ARTICLES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OTHER IMPORT QUOTAS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBCHAPTER) (NOTE 16)	23,548,526	7,921,205	9,661,128	7,496,000
Argentina	7,690		92,310	
Australia	535,628	5,542	758,830	1,750,000
Canada	1,031,946	109,054		
Costa Rica				1,550,000
Czech Republic				200,000
EU-15	15,386,005	6,945,427	1,132,568	2,346,000
Of which Portugal is:	127,536	1,773	223,691	
Israel	79,696		593,304	
Iceland	294,000		29,000	
New Zealand	4,461,713	353,759	6,506,528	
Norway	124,982	25,018		
Poland	917,497	18,727		300,000
Slovak Republic				600,000
Switzerland	597,513	73,899	548,588	500,000
Uruguay				250,000
Other Countries	111,856	89,779		
Any Country		300,000		
BLUE-MOLD CHEESE (EXCEPT STILTON PRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM) AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, BLUE-MOLD CHEESE (NOTE 17)	2,290,547	190,454		430,000
Argentina	2,000			
EU-15	2,288,546	190,454		300,000
Chile				80,000
Czech Republic				50,000
Other Countries	1			

Article by Additional U.S. Note Number and Country of Origin <u>CHEESE ARTICLES</u>	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Appendix 3	
			Tokyo Round	Uruguay Round
CHEDDAR CHEESE, AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, CHEDDAR CHEESE (NOTE 18)	3,659,803	624,053	519,033	7,620,000
Australia	937,721	46,778	215,501	1,250,000
Chile				220,000
Czech Republic				50,000
EU-15	57,168	205,832		1,000,000
New Zealand	2,539,040	257,428	303,532	5,100,000
Other Countries	125,874	14,015		
Any Country		100,000		
AMERICAN-TYPE CHEESE, INCLUDING COLBY, WASHED CURD AND GRANULAR CHEESE (BUT NOT INCLUDING CHEDDAR) AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING OR PROCESSED FROM SUCH AMERICAN-TYPE CHEESE (NOTE 19)	2,842,435	323,118	357,003	
Australia	830,124	50,874	119,002	
EU-15	186,222	167,778		
New Zealand	1,662,224	99,775	238,001	
Other Countries	163,865	4,691		
EDAM AND GOUDA CHEESE, AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, EDAM AND GOUDA CHEESE (NOTE 20)	5,276,970	329,432		1,210,000
Argentina	119,003	5,997		110,000
Czech Republic				100,000
EU-15	5,018,248	270,752		1,000,000
Norway	114,318	52,682		
Other Countries	25,401	1		
ITALIAN-TYPE CHEESES, MADE FROM COW'S MILK, (ROMANO MADE FROM COW'S MILK, REGGIANO, PARMESAN, PROVOLONE, PROVOLETTI, SBRINZ, AND GOYA-NOT IN ORIGINAL LOAVES) AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, SUCH ITALIAN-TYPE CHEESES, WHETHER OR NOT IN ORIGINAL LOAVES (NOTE 21)	6,502,444	1,018,103	795,517	5,165,000
Argentina	3,956,114	169,369	367,517	1,890,000
EU-15	2,535,930	846,070		700,000
Poland				1,325,000
Romania				500,000
Uruguay			428,000	750,000
Other Countries	10,400	2,664		

Article by Additional U.S. Note Number and Country of Origin <u>CHEESE ARTICLES</u>	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Appendix 3	
			Tokyo Round	Uruguay Round
SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE OTHER THAN WITH EYE FORMATION, GRUYERE-PROCESS CHEESE AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, SUCH CHEESES (NOTE 22)	5,735,723	915,591	823,519	380,000
EU-15	4,336,501	815,493	393,006	380,000
Switzerland	1,324,462	95,025	430,513	
Other Countries	74,760	5,073		
CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE, CONTAINING 0.5 PERCENT OR LESS BY WEIGHT OF BUTTERFAT (EXCEPT ARTICLES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OTHER TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBCHAPTER), AND MARGARINE CHEESE (NOTE 23)	3,825,265	599,643	1,050,000	
EU-15	3,662,021	587,979		
Israel			50,000	
New Zealand			1,000,000	
Poland	163,243	11,664		
Other Countries	1			
SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE WITH EYE FORMATION (NOTE 25)	18,228,931	4,068,400	9,557,945	2,620,000
Argentina		9,115	70,885	
Australia	209,698		290,302	
Canada			70,000	
Czech Republic				400,000
Hungary				800,000
EU-15	13,236,214	3,240,614	4,003,172	1,220,000
Iceland	149,999		150,001	
Israel	27,000			
Norway	3,206,405	448,905	3,227,690	
Switzerland	1,314,340	369,765	1,745,895	200,000
Other Countries	85,275	1		
TOTAL: CHEESE ARTICLES	71,910,644	15,989,999	22,764,145	24,921,000

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Marketing Service****7 CFR Part 29**

[Doc. No. TB-02-14]

RIN 0581-AC11

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee; Amendment to Regulations**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is adopting, as a final rule, without change, an interim final rule that amended the regulations for the Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee (FCTAC) by removing the sections which specify composition of the committee. The interim final rule allowed greater flexibility in responding to changing marketing conditions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Duncan III, Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, STOP 0280, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280; telephone number (202) 205-0567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since 1935, upon enactment of the Tobacco Inspection Act, the USDA has provided mandatory inspection services at designated tobacco auction markets. In 2002, based on results of referenda conducted among producers eligible for price support, regulations were amended to provide mandatory inspection at places other than designated tobacco auction markets. The USDA has always sought the input of the industry in implementing legislative authority concerning marketing due to the large geographic areas involved and the different procedure in individual types of tobacco such as size and weight of packages used to display the product, the number of designated markets, the number of sets of buyers present, the number of sales days, and other matters that directly impact on the operation of the auction markets and, therefore, the Federal presence necessary to provide the level of service desired by producers and industry.

In 1974, at the request of the industry, the USDA established the Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee (FCTAC) to provide a mechanism for consultation with flue-cured producers, warehouse

representatives, and buying interests on the problems peculiar to that type of tobacco with particular emphasis on the grower designation program. The composition of the committee was specified in regulations although it was not necessary and is not customary. The FCTAC recommended that the regulations referencing its composition and representation be removed. Removal of these regulations will not alter the FCTAC's purpose nor direction for an orderly marketing of tobacco but will allow the USDA more flexibility in making structural changes in its composition as a result of new marketing changes. Historically, almost all flue-cured tobacco was sold at auction. In recent years, most flue-cured tobacco has been sold under contract.

The USDA published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2002 (67 FR 61467), an interim final rule amending the regulations for the FCTAC by removing the sections which specify composition of the committee. In that action, paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e), of § 29.9403, were removed. The USDA requested comments on the interim final rule and the comment period expired on October 31, 2002. No comments were received.

Executive Order 12866 and 12988

This rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866, and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

This rule has been reviewed under Executive order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This action is not intended to have retroactive effect. The rule will not exempt any State of local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule. There are no administrative procedures which must be exhausted prior to any judicial challenge to the provisions of this rule.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

In conformance with the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), full consideration has been given to the potential economic impact upon small business. All tobacco warehouses and producers fall within the confines of "small business" which are defined by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.201) as those having annual receipts of less than \$750,000, and small agricultural service firms are defined as those whose annual receipts are less than \$3,500,000. There are approximately 190 tobacco warehouses and approximately 450,000 tobacco producers and most warehouses and producers may be classified as

small entities. The AMS has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This final rule will not substantially affect the normal movement of the commodity into the marketplace. Compliance with this final rule will not impose substantial direct economic cost, recordkeeping, or personnel workload changes on small entities, and will not alter the market share of competitive positions of small entities relative to the large entities and will in no way affect normal competition in the marketplace. This rule merely removes section of the regulations that specify composition of the FCTAC.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 29

Administrative practice and procedure, Advisory committees, Government publications, Imports, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping procedures, Tobacco.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 29 is amended as follows:

PART 29—TOBACCO INSPECTION

■ Accordingly, the interim final rule amending 7 CFR part 29 which was published at 67 FR 61467 on October 1, 2002, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Dated: May 7, 2003.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Marketing Service****7 CFR Part 56**

[Docket No. PY-02-007]

RIN 0581-AC24

Requirements for the USDA "Produced From" Grademark for Shell Eggs**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is clarifying the requirements for using the "Produced From" grademark for shell eggs. Use of this grademark began in April 1998. Since then, questions have arisen regarding the regulatory language. This amendment clarifies the language of the "Produced From" grademark