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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures provided for in the World Trade Organization (WTO) 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 WTO Agreement on Agriculture. It also includes the relevant period applicable for trigger levels on each of those products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication as a result of 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 3 years. The President delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, QUANTITY BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER 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 FR 427, 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 succeeded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice.

Issued at Washington, DC, this 4 day of June.

K.J. Roberts,

Acting 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, January 4, 1995.

QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER

Product	Trigger level	Period
Beef	1,186,106 mt	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Mutton	17,117 mt	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Cream	5,534,383 liters	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	7,455,620 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Nonfat Dry Milk	4,466,516 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Dried Whole Milk	3,564,465 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Dried Cream	7,653 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	69,343 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Butter	13,733,235 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	10,526,925 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Dairy Mixtures	4,895,300 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Blue Cheese	4,218,407 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Cheddar Cheese	15,619,014 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
American-Type Cheese	21,653,472 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Edam/Gouda Cheese	8,310,586 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Italian-Type Cheese	18,789,008 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	37,381,545 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Gruyere Process Cheese	8,092,469 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Lowfat Cheese	3,404,944 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
NSPF Cheese	58,201,906 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Peanuts	64,394 mt	April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2003.
Peanut Butter/Paste	19,583 mt	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER—Continued

Product	Trigger level	Period
Raw Cane Sugar	1,358,418 mt	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
	1,292,926 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
Refined Sugar and Syrups	46,395 mt	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
	66,348 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
Blended Syrups	2 mt	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
	0 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
Articles Over 65% Sugar	10 mt	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
Articles Over 10% Sugar	80,886 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003.
	80,886 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
	0 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	759 mt	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
	843 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
Chocolate Crumb	22,524,838 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	460,521 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	125,000 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Mixes and Doughs	5,364 mt	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
	5,358 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	523 mt	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
	554 mt	October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
Ice Cream	3,832, 905 liters	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Animal Feed Containing Milk	5,772 kilograms	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.
Short Staple Cotton	5,273,740 kilograms	September 20, 2002 to September 19, 2003.
	328,762 kilograms	September 20, 2003 to September 19, 2004.
Harsh or Rough Cotton	0 mt	August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003.
	0 mt	August 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004.
Medium Staple Cotton	740,504 kilograms	August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003.
	175,688 kilograms	August 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004.
Extra Long Staple Cotton	6,562,505 kilograms	August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003.
	6,218,181 kilograms	August 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004.
Cotton Waste	0 kilograms	September 20, 2002 to September 19, 2003.
	0 kilograms	September 20, 2003 to September 19, 2004.
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	1,790 kilograms	September 11, 2002 to September 10, 2003.
	1,042 kilograms	September 11, 2003 to September 10, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers to be Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions and Publication of Notice of Proposed Actions for Southern Region; Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, West Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Deciding Officers in the Southern Region will publish notice of decisions subject to administrative appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 215.5(a) and 36 CFR part 217.5(d), the public shall be advised through **Federal Register** notice, of the newspaper of record to be utilized for publishing legal notice of

decisions. Newspaper publication of notice of decisions is in addition to direct notice of decisions to those who have requested it and to those who have participated in project planning. Responsible Officials in the Southern Region will also publish notice of proposed actions under 36 CFR 215 in the newspapers that are listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 215.5(a), the public shall be advised, through **Federal Register** notice, of the newspaper of record to be utilized for publishing notices on proposed actions. **DATES:** Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217, and notices of proposed actions under 36 CFR part 215 shall begin on or after the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Herbster, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Southern Region, Planning, 1720 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Phone: 404-347-5235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Deciding Officers in the Southern Region will give legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217 and the Responsible Officials in the Southern

Region will give notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. Responsible Officials in the Southern Region will also give notice of proposed actions under 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspapers of record which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. The timeframe for comment on a proposed action shall be based on the date of publication of the notice of the proposed action in the newspaper of record. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the decision in the newspaper of record for both 36 CFR parts 215 and 217.

Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the newspaper of record that will be utilized for publishing the legal notice of decisions and calculating timeframes. Secondary newspapers listed for a particular unit are those newspapers the Deciding Officer expects to use for purposes of providing additional notice.

The following newspapers will be used to provide notice.