

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Office of the Secretary****USDA Increases the Fiscal Year 2011
Tariff-Rate Quota for Refined Sugar****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture today announced an increase in the fiscal year (FY) 2011 refined sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 136,078 metric tons raw value (MTRV).

DATES: *Effective:* October 3, 2011.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Angel F. Gonzalez, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, AgStop 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1021; or by telephone (202) 720-2916; or by fax to (202) 720-0876; or by e-mail to angel.f.gonzalez@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A quantity of 22,000 MTRV for sugars, syrups, and molasses (collectively referred to as refined sugar) described in subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) is the minimum level necessary to comply with U.S. World Trade Organization Uruguay Round Agreements, of which 1,656 MTRV is the minimum quantity to be reserved for specialty sugar. On August 5, 2010, USDA established the FY 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011) refined sugar TRQ at an aggregate quantity of 99,111 MTRV, of which 20,344 MTRV, was refined sugar other than specialty sugar. On August 17, 2010, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) allocated this refined sugar as follows: 10,300 MTRV to Canada; 2,954 MTRV to Mexico; and 7,090 MTRV to be administered on a first-come, first-served basis. On August 2, 2011, the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary) increased the FY 2011 specialty sugar TRQ by 9,072 MTRV, resulting in an FY 2011 specialty sugar TRQ to 87,839 MTRV, and an FY 2011 refined sugar TRQ to 108,183 MTRV.

The Secretary today announced an increase in the FY 2011 refined sugar TRQ of 136,078 MTRV, to a total of 244,261 MTRV. The authority to increase the refined sugar TRQ is found in the HTS, Chapter 17, Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(ii). The Secretary also announced that sugar entering under the FY 2011 refined sugar TRQ would be permitted to enter until November 30, 2011. Authority for the Secretary to permit entry of sugar in a subsequent quota period is found in the HTS,

Chapter 17, Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(iv).

USTR will allocate this increase among supplying countries and customs areas. This action is being taken after a determination that additional supplies of refined sugar are necessary to reduce risks associated with adverse weather and other supply disruptions. Harvest of the FY 2012 sugar beet crop is significantly slower to date than during several of the previous fiscal years. USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis.

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

Dated: September 27, 2011.

Darci L. Vetter,

Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service.

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BILLING CODE 3410-10-P**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory
Committee (LTFAC)****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on October 21 or 24, 2011 at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 21 or 24, 2011, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. A final date can be confirmed at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lbmu/local/ltfac>.

ADDRESSES: Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

For Further Information or to Request an Accommodation (One Week Prior to Meeting Date) Contact: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda: (1) Facilitated workshop to discuss a strategic workplan for Fiscal Year 2012, and (2) public comment.

All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: September 27, 2011.

Jeff Marsolais,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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BILLING CODE 3410-11-P**UNITED STATES ARCTIC RESEARCH
COMMISSION****Reports and Updates on Arctic
Research Programs and Projects;
Meetings**

Notice is hereby given that the US Arctic Research Commission will hold its 96th meeting in Durham and Hanover, NH, on October 5–7, 2011. The business sessions on October 5 and 7 are open to the public and will convene at 8:00 a.m. each day. On October 6, the Commission will hold a meeting at the US Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab (CRREL), a secure US Army facility with limited and pre-screened access for visitors. The Commission will hold public question and comment sessions on both October 5 and 7 between 5 and 5:30 p.m. where the public is invited to address the Commissioners about topics of interest related to research activities in the Arctic.

96th Meeting Schedule:

Wed., Oct. 5, 2011, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, Center for Coastal & Ocean Mapping, Joint Hydrographic Center, 24 Colovos Rd., Admiral's Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Room 240, Public comment and question period: Captain's Library, 1st Floor, Room 166.

Thurs., Oct. 6, 2011, CRREL, Hanover, NH.

Fri., Oct. 7, 2011 Dartmouth College, Rockefeller Center, 2 Webster Street, 1930s Room, 1st Fl., *Public Comment and Question Period:* Rockefeller Center, 2 Webster Street, 1930s Room, 1st Floor.

The Agenda items include:

- (1) Call to order and approval of the agenda.
- (2) Approval of the minutes from the 95th meeting.

- (3) Commissioner and staff reports.
- (4) Discussion and presentations concerning Arctic research activities.

The focus of the meeting will be reports and updates on Arctic research programs and projects.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please notify us via the contact information below. Any person planning to attend who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission of those needs in advance of the meeting.

Contact person for further information: John Farrell, Executive Director, US Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

Yours truly,

John Farrell,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 58-2011]

Foreign-Trade Zone 275—Lansing, MI; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Capital Region Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 275, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (74 FR 1170, 1/12/09 (correction 74 FR 3987, 1/22/09); 75 FR 71069-71070, 11/22/10). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on September 27, 2011.

FTZ 275 was approved by the Board on August 12, 2009 (Board Order 1633, 74 FR 44822, 8/31/2011).

The current zone project includes the following site: *Site 1* (846 acres)—Capital Region International Airport, 4100 Capital City Boulevard, Lansing (Ingham County).

The grantee’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Isabella (portions), Jackson, Livingston and Shiawassee Counties, Michigan, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is adjacent to the user fee airport designated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the Capital Regional International Airport, Lansing.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone project to include the existing site as a “magnet” site. The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the “sunset” time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes that Site 1 be so exempted. No usage-driven sites are being requested at this time. Because the ASF only pertains to establishing or reorganizing a general-purpose zone, the application would have no impact on FTZ 275’s authorized subzone.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 2, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 19, 2011.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482-0473.

Dated: September 27, 2011.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 57-2011]

Foreign-Trade Zone 127—Columbia, SC; Application for Reorganization/ Expansion Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Richland-Lexington Airport District, grantee of FTZ 127, requesting authority to reorganize and expand the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (74 FR 1170, 1/12/09 (correction 74 FR 3987, 1/22/09); 75 FR 71069-71070, 11/22/10). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on September 23, 2011.

FTZ 127 was approved by the Board on July 2, 1986 (Board Order 333, 51 FR 25075, 7/10/86). The current zone project includes the following sites: *Site 1* (109 acres)—Richland-Lexington Airport District, 125A Summer Lake Drive, West Columbia; and, *Site 2* (44 acres, expires 3/30/13)—Urban Outfitters, Inc., Edgefield Industrial Park, 30 Industrial Park Blvd., Trenton.

The grantee’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Edgefield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Richland, Saluda, and Sumter Counties, South Carolina, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Columbia Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize and expand its existing zone project to include Site 1 as a “magnet” site and temporary Site 2 as a “usage-driven site”. The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the “sunset” time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes