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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, 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 products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture. It also includes the quantity level applicable to each of those products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 1998.

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 or telephone at (202) 720-6064.

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 three years for which data is available by 25 percent. 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** the agricultural products subject to safeguards, the price and quantity trigger levels which will be applied to these products, and the relevant period for the quantity based safeguard for each product. On Wednesday, January 4 1995, the Secretary of Agriculture provided the

above information including the definition of each product in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in **Federal Register**, Vol. 60, No. 2, page 427. The President delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, dated December 23, 1994. In the Revision of Delegations of Authority published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 60, No. 216, Wednesday, November 8, 1995, page 56392, the Secretary of Agriculture further delegated the duty to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Additional information on the levels of the additional duties and how they will be applied is provided in subchapter IV of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). These duties became effective January 1, 1995

Notice

As provided in section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture, additional duties may be applied in accordance with provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 99 of the HTS for the products, and under the conditions described in the annex to this notice.

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Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Annex

The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the **Federal Register**, Wednesday, January 4, 1995, Vol. 60, No. 2, page 427.

	Quantity based safeguard trigger
Beef	817,803 mt.
Mutton	9,335 mt.
Cream	4,528,994 liters.
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	1,629,815 kilograms.
Nonfat Dry Milk	1,866,593 kilograms.
Dried Whole Milk	1,022,123 kilograms.
Dried Cream	233 kilograms.
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	174,967 kilograms.
Butter	3,906,648 kilograms.
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	3,755,077 kilograms.
Dairy Mixtures	1,508,114 kilograms.
Bleu Cheese	3,062,388 kilograms.
Cheddar Cheese	9,359,355 kilograms.
American Type Cheese	3,814,413 kilograms.
Edam/Gouda Cheese	6,617,074 kilograms.
Italian-Type Cheese	14,375,304 kilograms.
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	33,381,481 kilograms.
Gruyere Process Cheese	7,686,046 kilograms.
Lowfat Cheese	4,946,949 kilograms.
NSPF Cheese	48,853,577 kilograms.

	Quantity based safe-guard trigger
Peanuts	43,041 mt.
Peanut Butter/Paste	21,431 mt.
Raw Cane Sugar	2,263,717 mt.
Refined Sugar and Syrups	22,660 mt.
Blended Syrups	0 mt.
Articles Over 65% Sugar	0 mt.
Articles Over 10% Sugar	80,309 mt.
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	2,364 mt.
Chocolate Crumb	9,994,979 kilograms.
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	195,249 kilograms.
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	3,852 kilograms.
Mixes and Doughs	1,274 mt.
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	231 mt.
Ice Cream	31,590 liters.
Animal Feed Containing Milk	1,437,534 kilograms.
Short Staple Cotton	17,592,104 kilograms.
Harsh or Rough Cotton	0 mt.
Medium Staple Cotton	19,898 kilograms.
Extra Long Staple Cotton	234,089 kilograms.
Cotton Waste	39,828 kilograms.
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	383 kilograms.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Georgia

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Georgia, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Georgia for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Georgia to revise Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide, as follows:—Add New Interim Conservation Practice Standards: Agrichemical Handling Facility (Code 702); Covered Anaerobic Lagoon (Code 360); Dry Hydrant (Code 712); Slope Roughening (Code 726); Stream Crossing (Code 728); Waste Facility Decommissioning (Code 709); Watering Ramp (Code 730); Well and Water Testing (Code 731);—Add Conservation Practice Standards: Animal Trails and Walkways (Code 575); Conservation Cover (Code 327); Forage Harvest Management (Code 511); Forest Harvest Trails and Landings (Code 655); Irrigation Water Conveyance, Low-pressure Plastic Pipe (Code 430-EE); Lined Waterways and Outlets (Code 468); Prescribed Grazing (Code 528A); Pumping Plant for Water Control (Code 533); Roof Runoff

Management (Code 558); Structure for Water Control (Code 587); Well Decommissioning (Code 351); Windbreak/Shelterbreak Establishment (Code 380); Windbreak/Shelterbreak Renovation (Code 650);—Revise Conservation Practice Standards: Wildlife Upland Habitat Management (Code 645); Critical Area Planting (Code 342); Access Road (Code 560); Composting Facility (Code 317); Diversion (Code 362); Fence (Code 382); Heavy Use Area Protection (Code 561); Pond (Code 378); Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391); Terrace (Code 600); Waste Storage Facility (Code 313); Waste Treatment Lagoon (Code 359); Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Code 580); Stream Channel Stabilization (Code 584); Surface Drainage, Field Ditch (Code 607), Main or Lateral (Code 608); Prescribed Burning (Code 338);—Rename Conservation Practice Standards: Forest Site Preparation (Code 490); Forest Stand Improvement (Code 666); Use Exclusion (Code 472); Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612). These practices can be used in systems that treat highly erodible land, improve water quality and improve wildlife habitat.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before April 20, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Inquire in writing to Earl Cosby, State Conservationist, USDA State Office Service Center, Mail Stop 200, Stephens Federal Building, 355 East Hancock Ave., Athens, Georgia 30601. Copies of the Conservation Practice Standards will be made available upon written request. Copies are also available electronically on the Georgia Homepage

or NRCS server. The web site address is "http://www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov/reg/cps.html". These standards are available as MS Word 6.0 files. The name of the Georgia NRCS server is "seweb.ga.nrcs.usda.gov". Practice standards appear as files in "/pub/outgoing/gastandards" directory. Using FTP download as binary files.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of the 1996 states that revisions to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law made after enactment of the law shall be available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Georgia will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Georgia regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

Earl Cosby,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Athens, Georgia.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Arkansas Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on