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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Determination of Total Amounts and Quota Period for Tariff-Rate Quotas for Raw Cane Sugar and Certain Imported Sugars, Syrups, and Molasses

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the aggregate quantity of 1,362,000 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) during fiscal year (FY) 2000, with 227,000 metric tons held in reserve for possible allocation. This notice also establishes the aggregate quantity of 60,000 metric tons (raw value basis) for certain sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under subheading 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the HTS during FY 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to the Important Policy and Programs Division Director, Foreign Agriculture Service, AgStop 1021, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1021 or e-mail at williamsdj@fas.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Williams (Team Leader, Import Policy and Programs Division), 202-720-2916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Paragraph (a)(i) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS provides in pertinent part as follows:

The aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheading 1701.11.10, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), not less than 1,117,195 metric tons, as shall be established by the Secretary

of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary"), and the aggregate quantity of sugars, syrups, and molasses entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10 and 2106.90.44, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), not less than 22,000 metric tons, as shall be established by the Secretary. With either the aggregate quantity for raw cane sugar or the aggregate quantity for sugars, syrups, and molasses other than raw sugar, the Secretary may reserve a quota quantity for the importation of specialty sugars as defined by the United States Trade Representative.

These provisions of paragraph (a)(i) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the total amounts (expressed in terms of raw value) for imports of raw cane sugar and certain other sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under the subheadings of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties of the tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for entry during the fiscal year beginning October 1. Allocations of the quota amounts among supplying countries and areas will be made by the United States Trade Representative.

Notice

I hereby give notice, in accordance with paragraph (a) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS, that an aggregate quantity of up to 1,362,000 metric tons, raw value, or raw cane sugar described in subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period from October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000. Of this quantity, 1,135,000 metric tons is immediately available, to be allocated by the United States Trade Representative, and the remaining 227,000 metric tons will be held in reserve for possible allocation if warranted by market conditions.

I will issue Certificates of Quota Eligibility (CQEs) to allow the Philippines, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic to ship up to 25 percent of their respective initial country allocations at the low-tier tariff during each quarter of FY 2000. Australia, Guatemala, Argentina, and Peru will be allowed to ship up to 50 percent of their respective initial country allocations in the first six months of FY 2000. Unentered allocations, during any quarter or six month period, may be

entered in any subsequent period. For all other countries, CQEs corresponding to their respective country allocations may be entered at the low-tier tariff at any time during the fiscal year. If additional country allocations result from the reserved TRQ quantity, they may be entered subsequent to their announcement by the United States Trade Representative.

I have further determined, in accordance with paragraph (a) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS, that an aggregate quantity of up to 60,000 metric tons, raw value, of certain sugars, syrups, and molasses described in subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 or the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period from October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000. I have further determined that out of this quantity of 60,000 metric tons, the quantity of 14,656 metric tons, raw value, is reserved for the importation of specialty sugars. These TRQ amounts may be allocated among supplying countries and areas by the United States Trade Representative.

Mexico's access to the U.S. market under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is established at 25,000 metric tons raw value. That access is for either raw or refined sugar, but total access under the refined sugar allocation and the raw-sugar allocation is not to exceed 25,000 metric tons. Mexico's access for either a raw or refined sugar is established pursuant to Annex 703.2 of the NAFTA.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on October 30, 2000.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of Special Public Business Meeting in New York, New York.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a

special public meeting of the Council on Thursday, November 16, 2000. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. The Council's agenda includes a discussion of the staff's working paper on Amtrak and the Northeast Corridor infrastructure; and a discussion of the staff's summary of the Council's outreach meetings, as well as other items proposed by the Council staff.

DATES: The Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2000 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The Business Meeting will take place in the New York State Public Service Commission, Department of Public Service, New York City Branch at One Penn Plaza, in New York, New York 10019. The location is between Seventh and Eighth Avenue and has street entrances on West 33rd and West 34th Street. The meeting will take place in the Boardroom on the eighth floor. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. For information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC's First Annual Report, information about ARC Council Members and staff, and much more, you can also visit the Council's website at www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the Reform Act provides: that the Council is to monitor cost savings from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the Council submit an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after a specified period, the Council has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the Reform Act and, if it finds that Amtrak cannot, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA prescribes that the Council is to consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and the

leadership of the Congress. Members serve a five-year term.

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Thomas A. Till,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 110200B]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Foreign Fishing Vessels Operating in Internal Waters.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0329.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 36.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Foreign fishing vessels engaged in processing and support of U.S. fishing vessels within the internal waters of a state, in compliance with the terms and conditions set by the authorizing governor, are required to report the tonnage and location of fish received from U.S. vessels. This reporting is required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Weekly reports are submitted to the NMFS Regional Administrator to allow monitoring of the quantity of fish received by foreign vessels.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Weekly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MCclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this

notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 1, 2000.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 110300A]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Antarctic Marine Living Resources Conservation and Management Measures.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0194.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Average Hours Per Response: 28

hours for a new or exploratory fishery application, 30 minutes for a harvesting permit application, 1 minute for a radio report, 12 minutes for a transshipment permit application, 30 minutes for a dealer permit application, 15 minutes for an import ticket, 30 minutes for a re-export permit application, 3 minutes for a catch document from an importer, 10 minutes for a catch document from a re-exporter, 15 minutes for a catch document from a harvester. *Burden Hours:* 149.

Number of Respondents: 62.

Needs and Uses: Pursuant to the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act of 1984, NOAA supports the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). CCAMLR meets annually to adopt conservation and management measures. These include harvesting restrictions, import controls, and data reporting requirements. As a member of CCAMLR, the United States is obligated to put these measures into effect.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by