

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:**

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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.