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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture.

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-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. This notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products.

DATES: This notice is applicable on June 16, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Multilateral Affairs Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop

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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 when the volume of imports of that product exceeds the sum of (1) a base trigger level multiplied by the average of the last three years of available import data and (2) the change in yearly consumption in the most recent year for which data are available (provided that the final trigger level is not less than 105 percent of the three-year import average). The base trigger level is set at 105, 110, or 125 percent of the three-year import average, depending on the percentage of domestic consumption that is represented by imports. 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, dated December 23, 1994, 60 FR 1007 (Jan. 4, 1995). The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated this duty, which lies with the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (7 CFR 2.601(a)(42)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels, consistent with the provisions of Article 5.

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 (2023) and in the Secretary of Agriculture’s Notice of Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels, published in the **Federal Register** at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

Notice: As provided in section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously notified are superseded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice. The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the **Federal Register**, at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

ANNEX—QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER

Product	2023 Quantity-based safeguard trigger		
	Trigger level	Unit	Period
Beef	347,198	MT	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Mutton	4,552	MT	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Cream	9,985,720	Liters	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	6,653,570	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Nonfat Dry Milk	1,756,313	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Dried Whole Milk	4,143,647	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Dried Cream	53,297	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	223,737	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Butter ¹	48,065,758	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Butteroil	26,189,838	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Chocolate Crumb	12,725,670	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	829,149	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Animal Feed Containing Milk	193,835	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Ice Cream	14,903,971	Liters	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Dairy Mixtures	24,530,673	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.

ANNEX—QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER—Continued

Product	2023 Quantity-based safeguard trigger		
	Trigger level	Unit	Period
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	9,621,394	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Blue Cheese	3,819,960	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Cheddar Cheese	12,221,307	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
American-Type Cheese	74,528	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Edam/Gouda Cheese	12,097,071	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Italian-Type Cheese	23,283,445	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	23,441,766	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Gruyere Process Cheese	4,168,160	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
NSPF Cheese	45,793,590	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Lowfat Cheese	120,534	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Peanut Butter/Paste	4,738	MT	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Peanuts ¹	673	MT	April 1, 2022–Mar 31, 2023.
Raw Cane Sugar ¹	5,947	MT	April 1, 2023–Mar 31, 2024.
Refined Sugars and Syrup ¹	634,554	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
Articles over 65% Sugar	899,349	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Articles over 10% Sugar	280,612	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
Blended Syrups	639,299	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	662	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
Mixes and Doughs	975	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	22,852	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
Short Staple Cotton ²	25,111	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Harsh or Rough Cotton	463	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
Extra Long Staple Cotton	965	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Medium Staple Cotton	727	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
Cotton Waste ²	671	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Cotton Processed but not Spun ²	4,420	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
	4,400	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
	446	MT	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
	799	MT	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
	18,889	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2022–Sep 19, 2023.
	13,415	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2023–Sep 19, 2024.
	0	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2022–July 31, 2023.
	0	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2023–July 31, 2024.
	724,706	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2022–July 31, 2023.
	747,139	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2023–July 31, 2024.
	173	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2022–July 31, 2023.
	163	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2023–July 31, 2024.
	1,510,045	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2022–Sep 19, 2023.
	1,385,381	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2023–Sep 19, 2024.
	202	Kilograms	Sep 11, 2022–Sep 10, 2023.
	18,752	Kilograms	Sep 11, 2023–Sep 10, 2024.

¹ Includes change in U.S. consumption.² 12-month period from October to September.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Service Handbook 5509.11,
Chapter 10 Title Claims and
Encroachments**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture
(USDA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public
comment.**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service (Forest
Service or Agency), United States
Department of Agriculture (USDA), is
revising directives related to Title
Claims and Encroachments (FSH
5509.17 Chapter 10). The contents of the

handbook have been reorganized to align with the case processing activities in the Title Claims and Encroachment Management System Database (TCEMS) which was deployed in August 2012. The new directive will include clear direction on how to process a trespass case from start to finish, including exhibits and example letters that should be used and followed. All trespass and encroachments will be stored in the TCEMS database for ease and tracking. In addition, internal processing steps were included in the handbook to provide clarity for Forest Service staff.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by July 17, 2023.**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically to <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-3650>.

Written comments may be mailed to Nathan Price, Chief Land Surveyor, Lands and Realty, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. All timely received comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-3650>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan Price, Chief Land Surveyor, at 202–205–1353 or nathan.price@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the deaf and hard of hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.