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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

7 CFR Part 6

Adjustment of Appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2006 Tariff-Rate Quota Year

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document sets forth the revised appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2006 quota year reflecting the cumulative annual transfers from Appendix 1 to Appendix 2 for certain dairy product import licenses permanently surrendered by licensees or revoked by the Licensing Authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foreign Agricultural Service, under a delegation of authority from the Secretary of Agriculture, administers the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation codified at 7 CFR 6.20–6.37 that provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles under tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) as set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. These dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the low-tier tariff by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of article from a specified country of origin. The Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, issues these licenses and, in conjunction with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, monitors their use.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.34(a) states: “Whenever a historical license (Appendix 1) is not issued to an applicant pursuant to the provisions of § 6.23, is permanently surrendered or is revoked by the Licensing Authority, the

amount of such license will be transferred to Appendix 2.” Section 6.34(b) provides that the cumulative annual transfers will be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this document sets forth the revised Appendices for the 2006 tariff-rate quota year.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 6

Agricultural commodities, Cheese, Dairy products, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Issued at Washington, DC, the 9th day of August, 2006.

Ronald Lord,
Licensing Authority.

■ Accordingly, 7 CFR part 6 is amended as follows:

PART 6—IMPORT QUOTAS AND FEES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 6, Subpart—Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing continues to read as follows:

Authority: Additional U.S. Notes 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16–23 and 25 to Chapter 4 and General Note 15 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202), Pub. L. 97–258, 96 Stat. 1051, as amended (31 U.S.C. 9701), and secs. 103 and 404, Pub. L. 103–465, 108 Stat. 4819 (19 U.S.C. 3513 and 3601).

■ 2. Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Subpart—Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing are revised to read as follows:

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Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Subpart--Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing

Articles Subject to: Appendix 1, Historical Licenses; Appendix 2, Nonhistorical Licenses;
and Appendix 3, Designated Importer Licenses for Quota Year 2006
(quantities in kilograms)

Article by Additional U.S. Note Number and Country of Origin <u>NON-CHEESE ARTICLES</u>	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Appendix 3	
			Tokyo Round	Uruguay Round
BUTTER (NOTE 6)	5,363,672	1,613,328		
EU-25	75,918	20,243		
New Zealand	117,540	33,053		
Other Countries	55,902	18,033		
Any Country	5,114,312	1,541,999		
DRIED SKIM MILK (NOTE 7)	118,800	5,142,200		
Australia	118,800	481,276		
Canada		219,565		
Any Country		4,441,359		
DRIED WHOLE MILK (NOTE 8)	3,175	3,318,125		
New Zealand	3,175			
Any Country		3,318,125		
DRIED BUTTERMILK/WHEY (NOTE 12)	63,820	161,161		
Canada		161,161		
New Zealand	63,820			
BUTTER SUBSTITUTES CONTAINING OVER 45 PERCENT OF BUTTERFAT AND/OR BUTTER OIL (NOTE 14)		6,080,500		
Any Country		6,080,500		
TOTAL: NON-CHEESE ARTICLES	5,549,467	16,315,314		

Article by Additional U.S. Note Number and Country of Origin <u>CHEESE ARTICLES</u>	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Appendix 3	
			Tokyo Round	Uruguay Round
CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE (EXCEPT: SOFT RIPENED COW'S MILK CHEESE; CHEESE NOT CONTAINING COW'S MILK; CHEESE (EXCEPT COTTAGE CHEESE) CONTAINING 0.5 PERCENT OR LESS BY WEIGHT OF BUTTERFAT; AND, ARTICLES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OTHER IMPORT QUOTAS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBCHAPTER) (NOTE 16)	23,365,483	8,104,248	9,661,128	7,496,000
Argentina	7,690		92,310	
Australia	535,628	5,542	758,830	1,750,000
Canada	1,013,777	127,223		
Costa Rica				1,550,000
EU-25	16,156,783	7,110,873	1,132,568	3,446,000
Of which Portugal is:	65,838	63,471	223,691	
Israel	79,696		593,304	
Iceland	294,000		29,000	
New Zealand	4,443,558	371,914	6,506,528	
Norway	124,982	25,018		
Switzerland	597,513	73,899	548,588	500,000
Uruguay				250,000
Other Countries	111,856	89,779		
Any Country		300,000		
BLUE-MOLD CHEESE (EXCEPT STILTON PRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM) AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, BLUE-MOLD CHEESE (NOTE 17)	2,285,947	195,054		430,000
Argentina	2,000			
EU-25	2,283,946	195,054		350,000
Chile				80,000
Other Countries	1			

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			Tokyo Round	Uruguay Round
CHEDDAR CHEESE, AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, CHEDDAR CHEESE (NOTE 18)	3,645,715	638,141	519,033	7,620,000
Australia	937,721	46,778	215,501	1,250,000
Chile				220,000
EU-25	52,404	210,596		1,050,000
New Zealand	2,539,040	257,428	303,532	5,100,000
Other Countries	116,550	23,339		
Any Country		100,000		
AMERICAN-TYPE CHEESE, INCLUDING COLBY, WASHED CURD AND GRANULAR CHEESE (BUT NOT INCLUDING CHEDDAR) AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING OR PROCESSED FROM SUCH AMERICAN-TYPE CHEESE (NOTE 19)	2,795,736	369,817	357,003	
Australia	821,799	59,199	119,002	
EU-25	152,383	201,617		
New Zealand	1,657,689	104,310	238,001	
Other Countries	163,865	4,691		
EDAM AND GOUDA CHEESE, AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, EDAM AND GOUDA CHEESE (NOTE 20)	5,239,073	367,329		1,210,000
Argentina	119,003	5,997		110,000
EU-25	5,000,990	288,010		1,100,000
Norway	114,318	52,682		
Other Countries	4,762	20,640		
ITALIAN-TYPE CHEESES, MADE FROM COW'S MILK, (ROMANO MADE FROM COW'S MILK, REGGIANO, PARMESAN, PROVOLONE, PROVOLETTI, SBRINZ, AND GOYA-NOT IN ORIGINAL LOAVES) AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, SUCH ITALIAN-TYPE CHEESES, WHETHER OR NOT IN ORIGINAL LOAVES (NOTE 21)	6,479,092	1,041,455	795,517	5,165,000
Argentina	3,937,962	187,521	367,517	1,890,000
EU-25	2,535,930	846,070		2,025,000
Romania				500,000
Uruguay			428,000	750,000
Other Countries	5,200	7,864		

Article by Additional U.S. Note Number and Country of Origin <u>CHEESE ARTICLES</u>	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Appendix 3	
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SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE OTHER THAN WITH EYE FORMATION, GRUYERE-PROCESS CHEESE AND CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE CONTAINING, OR PROCESSED FROM, SUCH CHEESES (NOTE 22)	5,626,772	1,024,542	823,519	380,000
EU-25	4,302,097	849,897	393,006	380,000
Switzerland	1,266,100	153,387	430,513	
Other Countries	58,575	21,258		
CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE, CONTAINING 0.5 PERCENT OR LESS BY WEIGHT OF BUTTERFAT (EXCEPT ARTICLES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OTHER TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBCHAPTER), AND MARGARINE CHEESE (NOTE 23)	2,739,997	1,684,921	1,050,000	
EU-25	2,739,996	1,684,921		
Israel			50,000	
New Zealand			1,000,000	
Other Countries	1			
SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE WITH EYE FORMATION (NOTE 25)	16,922,713	5,374,618	9,557,945	2,620,000
Argentina		9,115	70,885	
Australia	209,698		290,302	
Canada			70,000	
EU-25	11,980,352	4,496,476	4,003,172	2,420,000
Iceland	149,999		150,001	
Israel	27,000			
Norway	3,187,264	468,046	3,227,690	
Switzerland	1,283,125	400,980	1,745,895	200,000
Other Countries	85,275	1		
TOTAL: CHEESE ARTICLES	69,100,528	18,800,125	22,764,145	24,921,000