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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Request for Public Comments on Administration of the Fiscal Year 2001 Tariff-Rate Quotas For Raw Cane Sugar and Certain Imported Sugars, Syrups, and Molasses

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice requests public comments on the administration of the fiscal year (FY) 2001 tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for raw cane sugar and certain imported sugars, syrups, and molasses as provided for in Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(i) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

DATES: Comments should be received on or before August 31, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed or delivered to the Director, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Stop 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1021, or e-mailed to spitzer@fas.usda.gov. Comments received may be inspected between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at room 5531-S at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Spitzer at the address above, or telephone at (202) 720-4825, or e-mail at spitzer@fas.usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require this request for comment in an alternative means of communication (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA is preparing to establish the FY 2001 TRQs for both raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS and certain sugars, syrups and molasses that may be entered under

subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the HTS (i.e., the refined sugar TRQ).

USDA is not proposing a specific administrative approach for the raw cane or refined sugar TRQs at this time. However, interested parties may wish to consider the following factors when preparing comments: (1) In accordance with its international obligations under the World Trade Organization, USDA must establish a raw cane sugar TRQ of not less than 1,117,195 metric tons raw value and a refined sugar TRQ of not less than 22,000 metric tons raw value as provided for in Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(i) of the HTS; (2) In order for USDA to offer non-recourse support loans, the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires the TRQ for imports of sugar to be established at, or increased to, a level in excess of 1,500,000 short tons raw value during the fiscal year; and (3) USDA proposes establishing the specialty sugar allocation at 14,656 metric tons, which will result in a refined sugar TRQ of at least 35,000 metric tons.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on August 4, 2000.

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers To Be Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions and Publication of Notice of Proposed Actions for Eastern Region; Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire and Maine, Pennsylvania, Vermont and New York, West Virginia, and Wisconsin

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Deciding Officers in the Eastern Region will publish notice of decisions subject to administrative appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 215.5(a) and 36 CFR 217.5(d), the public shall be advised through **Federal Register**

notice, of the principal newspaper to be utilized for publishing legal notices of decisions. Newspaper publication of notice of decisions is in addition to direct notice of decisions to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision. In addition, the Responsible Official in the Eastern Region will also publish notice or proposed actions under 36 CFR part 215 in the newspapers that are listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 215(a), the public shall be advised, through **Federal Register** notice, of the principal newspapers to be utilized for publishing notices on proposed actions.

DATES: Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217, and notices of proposed actions under 36 CFR part 215 shall begin on or after the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Metzler, Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator, Eastern Region, Reuss Federal Plaza, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203, Phone: 414-297-3181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Deciding Officers in the Eastern Region will give legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217 and 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. The timeframe for comment on a proposed action shall be based on the date of publication of the notice of the proposed action in the principal newspaper. The timeframe for appeals shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the decision in the principal newspaper for both 36 CFR parts 215 and 217.

Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the principal newspaper that will be utilized for publishing the legal notices of decisions. Additional newspapers listed for a particular unit are those newspapers the Deciding Officer expects to use for purposes of providing additional notice. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the decision in the principal newspaper. The following newspapers will be used to provide notice.