

**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**
**Fiscal Year 2023 Allocation of
Additional Tariff-Rate Quota Volume
for Raw Cane Sugar**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of the allocations of additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 in-quota quantities of the World Trade Organization (WTO) tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for imported raw cane sugar.

DATES: The changes made by this notice are applicable as of July 19, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Nicholson, Office of Agricultural Affairs, at 202-395-9419, or Erin.H.Nicholson@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), the United States maintains WTO TRQs for imports of raw cane and refined sugar. Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a TRQ for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the U.S. Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamations 6763 (60 FR 1007) and 7235 (64 FR 55611).

On July 10, 2023, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced an additional in-quota quantity of the TRQ for raw cane sugar for the remainder of FY2023 (ending September 30, 2023) in the amount of 125,000 metric tons raw value (MTRV) (conversion factor: 1 metric ton raw value = 1.10231125 short tons raw value). This quantity is in addition to the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization Agreement (1,117,195 MTRV). USTR is allocating this additional quantity of 125,000 MTRV to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY2023 raw sugar TRQ increase allocations (MTRV)
Australia	19,356
Belize	2,565
Bolivia	1,632
Brazil	33,815
Colombia	5,597
Costa Rica	3,498

Country	FY2023 raw sugar TRQ increase allocations (MTRV)
Ecuador	2,565
El Salvador	6,063
Eswatini (Swaziland)	3,731
Fiji	2,099
Guatemala	11,194
Honduras	2,332
India	700
Mauritius	2,799
Mozambique	3,032
Panama	3,032
Peru	9,562
South Africa	5,364
Thailand	3,265
Zimbabwe	2,799

The allocations of the in-quota quantities of the raw cane sugar TRQ to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin. Certificates of quota eligibility must accompany imports from any country for which an allocation has been provided.

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United States Trade Representative.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**
**Fiscal Year 2024 Tariff-Rate Quota
Allocations for Raw Cane Sugar,
Refined and Specialty Sugar, and
Sugar-Containing Products**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative is providing notice of allocations of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024) in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for imported raw cane sugar, certain sugars, syrups and molasses (also known as refined sugar), specialty sugar, and sugar-containing products.

DATES: The changes made by this notice are applicable as of July 19, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Nicholson, Office of Agricultural Affairs, at 202-395-9419, or Erin.H.Nicholson@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), the United States maintains TRQs for imports of

raw cane sugar and refined sugar. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 8 to Chapter 17 of the HTSUS, the United States maintains a TRQ for imports of sugar-containing products.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a TRQ for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the U.S. Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamations 6763 (60 FR 1007) and 7235 (64 FR 55611).

On July 5, 2023, the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Administrator) announced the sugar program provisions for FY2024. The Administrator announced an in-quota quantity of the TRQ for raw cane sugar for FY2024 of 1,117,195 metric tons raw value (MTRV) (conversion factor: 1 metric ton raw value = 1.10231125 short tons raw value), which is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement. The U.S. Trade Representative is allocating this quantity (1,117,195 MTRV) to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY2024 TRQ allocations (metric tons raw value)
Argentina	46,260
Australia	89,293
Barbados	7,531
Belize	11,834
Bolivia	8,606
Brazil	155,993
Colombia	25,819
Congo (Brazzaville)	7,258
Costa Rica	16,137
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258
Dominican Republic	189,343
Ecuador	11,834
El Salvador	27,971
Eswatini (Swaziland)	17,213
Fiji	9,682
Gabon	7,258
Guatemala	51,639
Guyana	12,910
Haiti	7,258
Honduras	10,758
India	8,606
Jamaica	11,834
Madagascar	7,258
Malawi	10,758
Mauritius	12,910
Mexico	7,258
Mozambique	13,986
Panama	31,199
Papua New Guinea	7,258
Paraguay	7,258
Peru	44,108
Philippines	145,235
South Africa	24,744
St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258

Country	FY2024 TRQ allocations (metric tons raw value)
Taiwan	12,910
Thailand	15,061
Trinidad-Tobago	7,531
Uruguay	7,258
Zimbabwe	12,910

The allocations of the in-quota quantities of the raw cane sugar TRQ to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin. Certificates for quota eligibility must accompany imports from any country for which an allocation has been provided.

On July 5, 2023, the Administrator also announced the establishment of the in-quota quantity of the FY2024 refined sugar TRQ at 232,000 MTRV, for which the sucrose content, by weight in the dry state, must have a polarimeter reading of 99.5 degrees or more. This amount includes the minimum level to which the United States is committed under the WTO Agreement (22,000 MTRV of which 1,656 MTRV is reserved for specialty sugar) and an additional 210,000 MTRV for specialty sugars. The U.S. Trade Representative is allocating the refined sugar TRQ 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.

Imports of all specialty sugar will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis in five tranches. The Administrator has announced that the total in-quota quantity of specialty sugar will be the 1,656 MTRV reserved within the WTO minimum commitment plus an additional 210,000 MTRV. The first tranche of 1,656 MTRV will open on October 2, 2023. All types of specialty sugars are eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche of 60,000 MTRV will open on October 10, 2023. The third tranche of 60,000 MTRV will open on January 19, 2024. The fourth tranche of 45,000 MTRV will open on April 15, 2024. The fifth tranche of 45,000 MTRV will open on July 15, 2024. The second, third, fourth, and fifth tranches will be reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

With respect to the in-quota quantity of 64,709 metric tons of the TRQ for imports of certain sugar-containing products maintained under Additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the HTSUS, the U.S. Trade Representative is allocating 59,250 metric tons to Canada.

The remainder of the in-quota quantity, 5,459 metric tons, is available for other countries on a first-come, first-served basis.

Raw cane sugar, refined and specialty sugar, and sugar-containing products for FY2024 TRQs may enter the United States as of October 2, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2023–0944]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval for Information Collection: Safety Management System Voluntary Program

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an information collection to support the analysis of safety data as part of the Safety Management System Voluntary Program (SMSVP). The data collected will be used by the FAA Flight Standards Service, Safety Management System Program Office (SMSPO) to evaluate certificate holders participating in the voluntary program. This Information Collection will enable the FAA to ensure conformity with the SMSVP Standard (voluntary program guidelines and performance measures).

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by September 18, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field)

By mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean C. Denniston, Flight Standards Safety Management System Program Office (AFS–910), Federal Aviation

Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW, 8W–624, Washington, DC 20591; by email at: sean.denniston@faa.gov; phone: 571–758–7362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–XXXX.

Title: Safety Management System Voluntary Program.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: New Information Collection.

Background: The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in its March 2006 Amendment No. 30 to Annex 6, Part I, International Commercial Air Transport—Aeroplanes, established an international standard requiring member states to mandate Safety Management Systems (SMS) for commercial operators. In July 2013, SMS requirements were transferred to a new ICAO Annex 19 Safety Management. (An Annex 19 second edition was issued in July 2016.) This Annex provided Member States the means to address safety risk proactively; support application of safety management in regulatory and infrastructure developments; and reinforce the role of the State in managing safety and in coordination with aviation product and service providers. The *Aviation Safety and Federal Aviation Extension Act (2010)* directed the FAA to initiate rulemaking requiring all certificate holders under 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 119 authorized to conduct operations in accordance with the requirements of 14 CFR part 121 implement an SMS. On March 9, 2015, the final rule, Safety Management Systems for Domestic, Flag, and Supplemental Operations Certificate Holders, became effective (80 FR 1307; January 8, 2015) (hereafter “the 2015 final rule”). Three years later, on March 9, 2018, all air carriers authorized to conduct operations under 14 CFR part 121 met the final compliance date to have an SMS acceptable to the Administrator.

In 2018, the Flight Standards Service Safety Management System Voluntary