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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Modification of Total Amount of Tariff-Rate Quota for Imported Raw Cane Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice modifies the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) during fiscal year 1996 (FY 96). As modified, such aggregate quantity is 1,817,195 metric tons, raw value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to the Sugar Team Leader, Import Policy and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 5531, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Hammond (Sugar Team Leader); telephone: 202-720-1061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Paragraph (a)(i) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS provides, in part that “* * * the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheading 1701.11.10, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), not less than, 1,117,195 metric tons, as shall be established by the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “the Secretary”), and the aggregate quantity of sugars, syrups and molasses entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10 and 2106.90.44, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), not less than 22,000 metric tons, as shall be

established by the Secretary.” On August 3, 1995, the Secretary established the aggregate quantity of 1,117,195 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS and the aggregate quantity of 22,000 metric tons (raw value basis) for 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 during FY 96 (60 FR 42142). On November 9, 1995, the Secretary increased the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheadings 1701.11.10 to 1,417,195 metric tons.

Paragraph (a)(ii) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS provides that “[w]henver the Secretary believes that domestic supplies of sugars may be inadequate to meet domestic demand at reasonable prices, the Secretary may modify any quantitative limitations which have previously been established * * *.” The U.S. sugar production forecast for FY 96 released on January 16, 1995, in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) was reduced by 90,000 short tons raw value (STRV) to 7.510 million STRV from the WASDE production forecast released on November 9, 1995. The domestic wholesale refined sugar prices in the midwest market have been increasing since the tariff-rate quota increase was announced by the Secretary. During the first week of November 1995 the refined sugar price was 26.50 cents per pound. The refined sugar price during the first week of January 1996 was 28.75-29.25 cents per pound, which represents a 2.25 cent per pound increase.

Paragraph (b)(1) of U.S. additional note 5 provides that “[t]he quota amounts established [by the Secretary] may be allocated among supplying countries and areas by the United States Trade Representative.”

Notice

Notice is hereby given that I have determined, in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS, that an aggregate quantity of up to 1,817,195 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar described in subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the current tariff-

rate quota entry period through September 30, 1996.

This modified quota quantity will be allocated among supplying countries and areas by the United States Trade Representative.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on January 25, 1996.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Fall River Water Users System—South Unit, Fall River County, South Dakota

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an Environmental Impact Statement is not being prepared for the Fall River Water Users System—South Unit Project, Fall River County, South Dakota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dean Fisher, State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, Room 203, 200 4th Street SW., Huron, South Dakota, 57350-2475. Telephone (605) 352-1200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Mr. Dean Fisher, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed for this project.

The project purpose is the establishment of a dependable livestock water supply to provide water of good quality in adequate quantity for livestock. The installation of this project