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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 2,167,195 metric tons, raw value.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 12, 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note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS provides, in part, that “\* \* \* the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheading 1701.11.10, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw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(hereinafter referred to as ‘the Secretary’), and the aggregate quantity of sugars, syrups, and molasses entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10 and 2106.90.44, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in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 subheading 1701.11.10 to 1,417,195 metric tons. On January 17, 1996, the Secretary increased the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 to 1,817,195 metric tons. Again on April 1, 1996, the Secretary increased the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 to 2,017,195 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 estimate for FY 96, released on June 12, 1996, in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE), was reduced by 130,000 short tons raw value (STRV) to 7.34 million STRV from the WASDE production forecast released on April 11, 1996. During this same period, the U.S. sugar ending stocks estimate declined by 344,000 STRV, to 1.31 million STRV. Both the current season-to-date (October 1 through June 11) average domestic wholesale refined sugar price (28.75 cents per pound), and the raw cane sugar price (22.62 cents per pound) are at their highest average in over five years.

Paragraph (b)(i) of U.S. additional note 5 proves 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 2,167,195 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 period from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996.

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

Signed at Washington, D.C. on July 10, 1996.

Dan Glickman,

*Secretary of Agriculture.*

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### Forest Service

#### Long Draw Salvage Timber Sale, Okanogan National Forest, Okanogan County, Washington

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to salvage dead and dying timber in the Long Draw analysis area. The Long Draw Salvage project includes: A salvage timber sale of dead, dying and live trees in stands at risk to insect caused mortality; closure of a road; construction and reconstruction of roads; and a prescribed burn of shrub and grass lands to decrease shrub cover and invigorate native species. The EIS will develop and evaluate a range of alternatives for management of the resources in the project area. The alternatives will include the No Action alternative, involving no timber harvest or road construction, and alternatives in response to issues identified during the scoping process. The proposed action is consistent with the direction in the 1989 Okanogan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), as amended, which provides the overall guidance for management of the area. The majority of the project area lies within the Long Draw and Long Swamp Roadless Areas. Implementation of the proposal is scheduled for Fiscal Year 1997. The agency invites written comments on this project. In addition,