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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Special Provisions for Canadian Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Imports Under the North American Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of determination of existence of conditions necessary for imposition of temporary duty on cucumbers from Canada.

SUMMARY: As required by section 301(a) of the United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1988, as amended by the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("FTA Implementation Act"), this is a notification that the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the necessary conditions exist with respect to United States acreage and import price criteria for cucumbers classifiable to subheadings 070700 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) imported from Canada to permit the Secretary to consider recommending to the President the imposition of a temporary duty ("snapback duty") by the United States pursuant to section 301(a) of the FTA Implementation Act, implementing Article 702 of the United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement, Special Provisions for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, as incorporated by reference and made a part of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) pursuant to Annex 702.1, paragraph 1 of NAFTA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Grunenfelder, Horticultural & Tropical Products Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1049 or telephone at (202) 720-3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FTA Implementation Act, in accordance with the NAFTA, authorizes the imposition

of a temporary duty (snapback) for a limited group of fresh fruits and vegetables from Canada when certain conditions exist. Cucumbers, classified under subheadings 070700 of the HTS, is a good subject to the snapback duty provision.

Under section 301(a) of the FTA Implementation Act, two conditions must exist before imposition by the United States of a snapback duty can be considered. First, the import price of a covered Canadian fruit or vegetable, for each of five consecutive working days, must be less than ninety percent of the corresponding five-year average monthly import price. This price for a particular day is the average import price of a Canadian fresh fruit or vegetable imported into the United States from Canada, for the calendar month in which that day occurs, in each of the 5 preceding years, excluding the years with the highest and lowest monthly averages.

Second, the planted acreage in the United States for the like fruit or vegetable must be no higher than the average planted acreage over the preceding five years, excluding the years with the highest and lowest acreage.

From August 3-7, 1998, the price conditions with respect to cucumbers were met.

The most recent revision of planted acreage for cucumbers shows that this year's planted acreage is below the planted acreage over the preceding five years, excluding the years with the highest and lowest planted acreages.

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Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Cancellation of Public Meeting of the Alaska Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Alaska Advisory Committee to the Commission which was to convene at

1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 1998 has been canceled. The notice originally published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, August 27, 1998, vol. 63, no. 166, p. 45795.

Persons desiring additional information should contact Thomas V. Pilla, Acting Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435).

Dated at Washington, DC, October 14, 1998.

Stephanie Y. Moore,

General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m. on November 7, 1998, at the Plump Jack Valley Inn, 1920 Squaw Valley Road, Olympic Valley, California 96146. The purpose of the meeting is to review a report and plan the next project.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Thomas Pilla, Acting Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, October 9, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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