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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-37]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Ava, MO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Ava, MO.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 64 FR 44397 is effective on 0901 UTC, November 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 1999 (64 FR 44397). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on November 4, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

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OFFICE OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

15 CFR Part 2014

Implementation of the Temporary Tariff-Rate Quota for Imports of Lamb Meat

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This rule provides for the establishment of an export certificate procedure to assist in the orderly marketing of lamb meat imports from countries provided a specific import allocation under the temporary tariff-rate quota that the President has imposed on those products.

DATES: Interim rule effective on October 20, 1999. Comments must be received on or before December 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Teresa Howes, Director for Asian Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Howes, Director for Asian Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508; telephone: (202) 395-6127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 7, 1999, the President issued Proclamation 7208 (64 FR 37387) (July 9, 1999), which established a temporary tariff-rate quota ("TRQ") and increased duties, effective July 22, 1999, on lamb meat imports to facilitate the domestic industry's adjustment to import competition. In order to provide for the efficient and fair administration of the TRQ, on July 30, 1999, the President issued Proclamation 7214 (64 FR 42265) (Aug. 4, 1999), which delegated to the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") authority to administer the TRQ.

To provide for the efficient and fair administration of the TRQ, USTR is establishing a procedure under which countries that have been allotted an in-quota allocation under the TRQ may use a system of export certificates to ensure that only those of its lamb meat exports specifically designated for the United States market are counted against the country's in-quota allocation.

Under the interim rule, a country that was provided a specific in-quota allocation under the TRQ may elect to have the United States Customs Service ("U.S. Customs") determine which lamb meat imports are to be counted against the country's in-quota allocation, and

thus be assessed the lower rate of duty applicable to in-quota imports, based on whether the country has issued (or authorized issuance of) an export certificate for that lamb meat. Two countries, Australia and New Zealand, were provided specific in-quota allocations under the TRQ. Both governments have requested USTR to establish an export certificate procedure to assist in the orderly marketing of their lamb meat exports to the United States while the TRQ is in effect.

A country wishing to avail itself of the export certificate procedure must notify USTR, and provide the necessary supporting information. Australia and New Zealand have provided the requisite supporting information, and USTR hereby determines that both countries are "participating countries" under the export certificate procedure. USTR intends to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** if Australia or New Zealand ceases to be a participating country.

U.S. Customs will ensure that no imports of lamb meat from a participating country are counted against the participating country's in-quota allocation unless the importer declares that there is a valid export certificate for that lamb meat. In the absence of such a declaration, such imports will be not be eligible for the in-quota rate of duty.

U.S. Customs will separately issue regulations governing its implementation of this rule.

Comments

Before adopting this interim regulation as a final rule, consideration will be given to any written comments that are timely submitted to USTR. Each person submitting a comment should include his or her name and address, and give reasons for any recommendation. After the comment period closes, USTR will publish in the **Federal Register** a final rule on this subject, together with a discussion of comments received and any amendments made to the interim rule as a result of the comments.

To simplify the processing and consideration of comments, commenters are encouraged to submit documents in electronic form accompanied by an original and one paper copy. All documents submitted in electronic form should be on DOS formatted 3.5" diskettes, and should be prepared in either WordPerfect format or a format that the WordPerfect program can convert and import into WordPerfect.