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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 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.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553 (a), public notice is inapplicable to this interim rule because it is within the foreign affairs function of the United States. Also, for the above reason, there is no need for a delayed effective date under 5 U.S.C. 553(d). No regulatory flexibility analysis is required for this rule since neither 5 U.S.C. 553 nor any other provision of law requires publication of a general notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to this rule. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for interim regulations, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) do not apply; and because this document involves a foreign affairs function of the United States and implements an international agreement, it is not subject to the provisions of E.O. 12866.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 2014

Export certificates, Imports, Lamb meat, Tariff-rate quotas.

For the reasons set out in the "Supplementary Information" section of this notice, 15 CFR is amended by adding the following new part 2014 to read as follows:

PART 2014—IMPLEMENTATION OF TARIFF-RATE QUOTA FOR IMPORTS OF LAMB MEAT

- Sec.
2014.1 Purpose.
2014.2 Definitions.
2014.3 Export certificates.

Authority: Proclamation Numbers 7208 and 7214; 19 U.S.C. 2253 (g)

§ 2014.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to provide for the implementation of the tariff-rate quota for imports of lamb meat established in Proclamation 7208 (64 FR 37397) (July 9, 1999) and modified in Proclamation 7214 (64 FR 42265) (Aug. 4, 1999). In particular, this part provides for the administration of export certificates where a country that has an allocation of the in-quota quantity under the tariff-rate quota has chosen to use export certificates.

§ 2014.2 Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires, for the purpose of this subpart, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned below.

(a) *Lamb meat* means fresh, chilled, or frozen lamb meat, provided for in subheadings 0204.10.00, 0204.22.20, 0204.23.20, 0204.30.00, 0204.42.20, and 0204.43.20 of the HTS.

(b) *In-quota lamb meat* means lamb meat that is entered under the in-quota rate of duty.

(c) *Participating country* means any country to which an allocation of a particular quantity of lamb meat has been assigned under Proclamation 7208 that USTR has determined is, and has notified to the United States Customs Service as being, eligible to use export certificates.

(d) *Enter or Entered* means to enter or withdraw from warehouse for consumption.

(e) *HTS* means the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

(f) *USTR* means the United States Trade Representative or the designee of the United States Trade Representative.

§ 2014.3 Export certificates.

(a) In-quota lamb meat may only be entered as a product of a participating country if the United States importer makes a declaration to the United States Customs Service, in the form and manner determined by the United States Customs Service, that a valid export certificate is in effect with respect to that lamb meat product.

(b) To be valid, an export certificate shall:

(1) Be issued by or under the supervision of the government of the participating country;

(2) Specify the name of the exporter, the product description and quantity, and the calendar year for which the export certificate is in effect;

(3) Be distinct and uniquely identifiable; and

(4) Be used in the calendar year for which it is in effect.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Parts 232, 239, 249, 259, 269 and 274

[Release Nos. 33-7752; 34-41986; 35-27081; 39-2376; IC-24075]

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Adoption of Updated EDGAR Filer Manual

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission is adopting an updated edition of the EDGAR Filer

Manual and is providing for its incorporation by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations. The Commission is also amending Form ID, the Uniform Application for Access Codes to File on EDGAR.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 18, 1999. The new edition of the EDGAR Filer Manual (Release 6.6) will be effective on October 18, 1999. The incorporation by reference of the EDGAR Filer Manual is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of October 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: In the Office of Information Technology, Michael E. Bartell at (202) 942-8800; for questions concerning investment company filings, Ruth Armfield Sanders, Senior Special Counsel, Division of Investment Management, at (202) 942-0978; and for questions concerning Corporation Finance company filings, Herbert Scholl at (202) 942-2930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Today we are adopting an updated EDGAR Filer Manual ("Filer Manual"), which describes the technical formatting requirements for the preparation and submission of electronic filings through the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system.¹ Filers must comply with the provisions of the Filer Manual in order to assure the timely acceptance and processing of filings made in electronic format.² Filers should consult the Filer Manual in conjunction with our rules governing mandated electronic filing when preparing documents for electronic submission.³

The purpose of this new version of EDGAR and the Filer Manual (Release 6.6) is to incorporate changes resulting

¹ We originally adopted the Filer Manual on April 1, 1993, with an effective date of April 26, 1993. Release No. 33-6986 (Apr. 1, 1993) [58 FR 18638]. We implemented the most recent update to the Filer Manual on June 28, 1999. See Release No. 33-7685 (May 17, 1999) [64 FR 27897].

² See Rule 301 of Regulation S-T (17 CFR 232.301).

³ See Release Nos. 33-6977 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 14628], IC-19284 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 14848], 35-25746 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 14999], and 33-6980 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 15009] in which we comprehensively discuss the rules we adopted to govern mandated electronic filing. See also Release No. 33-7122 (Dec. 19, 1994) [59 FR 67752], in which we made the EDGAR rules final and applicable to all domestic registrants; Release No. 33-7427 (July 1, 1997) [62 FR 36450], in which we adopted minor amendments to the EDGAR rules; Release No. 33-7472 (Oct. 24, 1997) [62 FR 58647], in which we announced that, as of January 1, 1998, we would not accept in paper filings that we require filers to submit electronically; Release No. 34-40935 (Jan. 12, 1999) [64 FR 2843], in which we made mandatory the electronic filing of Form 13F; and Release No. 33-7684 (May 17, 1999) [64 FR 27888], in which we adopted amendments to implement the first stage of EDGAR modernization.