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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 3

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A special import quota for upland cotton is established in accordance with section 136(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as amended, (the 1996 Act) under Presidential Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991, and Presidential Proclamation 6948 of October 29, 1996. The quota is

referenced as the Commodity Credit Corporation Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 3 and is set forth in subheading 9903.52.03, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

DATES: The special quota is subject to an established date and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than 90 days from the established date and entered into the United States not later than 180 days from the established date. Dates applicable to the special import quota are contained in a table following this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1996 Act requires that a special global import quota for upland cotton be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 4-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S.

growth, as quoted for Middling 1^{3/32} inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe (U.S. Northern Europe price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 1.25 cents per pound. This condition was met for the consecutive 4-week period ending March 28, 2002. Therefore, the quota referenced as Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 3 is established subject to the following dates and quantities.

The special import quota identifies a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations. The quota does not apply to extra long staple cotton.

Authority: Sec. 136, Pub. L. 104-127 and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 23, 2002.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

Secretary of Agriculture's cotton import quota announcement	HTS subheading	News release date	Quota start date	90-Day purchase date	180-Day import date	Quota amount (kilograms)	3-Month consumption base period
Number 3	9903.52.03	3/28/02	4/04/02	7/02/02	9/30/02	30,861,402	December 2001–February 2002.

Enclosure 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Health and RCW Initiative, National Forests in Alabama, Talladega National Forest, Talladega and Shoal Creek Ranger Districts, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties, AL

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on a proposal to emphasize forest health initiatives across the

Talladega and Shoal Creek Ranger Districts in a systematic five-year program involving:

1. Removal of offsite, high-risk stands on approximately 9,136 acres of declining loblolly and Virginia pine. This includes 500 acres of non-commercial treatments in longleaf stands that need restoration activities. This forest health treatment will restore the areas to longleaf pine and will include both artificial and natural regeneration. Treatments will range from complete removal of all species except favored hardwoods and longleaf pine, to intense thinning with enough longleaf pine left to naturally reestablish itself. Favored hardwoods species will include a variety of oak and hickory species.

The site preparation methods associated with these treatments will

range from, or include a combination of prescribe burning, mechanical, and chemical treatment of competing vegetation. Chemical treatment of restoration stands will include directed foliar spray of a 3% solution of Garlon 4, 1/2% Arsonal, and 1/2% Sidekick. For injection, a 50% solution of Garlon 3a will be used.

2. Intermediate thinning on approximately 3,047 acres of red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) habitat inside the RCW Habitat Management Area (HMA).

3. Intermediate thinning of approximately 6,534 acres of 20–45 year old loblolly pine stands to increase vigor and growth, reduce short-term risk of Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) infestation, and begin the restoration process of longleaf pine. Site specific information is available at the Talladega