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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Determination of Total Amounts of Fiscal Year 2010 Tariff-Rate Quotas for Raw Cane Sugar and Certain Sugars, Syrups and Molasses

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing notice of the establishment of the Fiscal Year (FY 2010) in-quota aggregate quantity of the raw, as well as, refined and specialty sugar Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQ) as required under the U.S. World Trade Organization (WTO) commitments. The FY 2010 raw cane sugar TRQ is established at 1,117,195 metric tons raw value (MTRV) that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) during FY 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010). In addition in-quota aggregate quantity of the refined and specialty sugar TRQ is established at 90,039 MTRV for certain sugars, syrups, and molasses (collectively referred to as refined sugar) 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 2010.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angel Gonzalez, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., AgStop 1021, Washington, DC 20250–1021; by telephone (202) 720–2916; by fax (202) 720–0876; or by e-mail angel.f.gonzalez@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The provisions of paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the HTS authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the in-quota TRQ amounts (expressed in terms of

raw value) for imports of raw cane sugar and certain sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under the subheadings of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties of the TRQs for entry during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is responsible for the allocation of these quantities among supplying countries and areas.

Section 359(k) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended requires that at the beginning of the quota year the Secretary of Agriculture establish the TRQ's for raw cane sugar and refined sugars at the minimum levels necessary to comply with obligations under international trade agreements, with the exception of specialty sugar.

Notice is hereby given that I have determined, in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the HTS and section 359(k) of the 1938 Act, that an aggregate quantity of up to 1,117,195 MTRV of raw cane sugar described in subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during FY 2010 (October 1, 2009–September 30, 2010). This is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the WTO Uruguay Round Agreements. I have further determined that an aggregate quantity of 90,039 MTRV of sugars, syrups, and molasses described in subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during FY 2010. Of this quantity of 90,039 MTRV, the quantity of 69,695 MTRV is reserved for the importation of specialty sugars as defined by the USTR. This 90,039 MTRV quantity includes the 22,000 MTRV required WTO minimum amount of which 1,656 MTRV is reserved for specialty sugar.

The FY 2010 specialty sugar TRQ will be opened in five tranches. Because the specialty sugar TRQ is first-come, first-served, tranches are needed to allow for orderly marketing throughout the year. The first tranche, totaling 1,656 MTRV, will open October 1, 2009. All specialty sugars are eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche will open on November 10, 2009, and be equal to 25,000 MTRV. The remaining tranches will each be equal to 14,346 MTRV,

with the third opening on January 12, 2010; the fourth, on May 17, 2010; and the fifth, on August 24, 2010. The second, third, fourth, and fifth tranches will be reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

Signed at Washington, DC, the 23rd day of September 2009.

Thomas J. Vilsack,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Land Exchanges

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection, OMB 0596–0105, Land Exchanges.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before November 30, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Jeffrey Vail, Assistant Director, Lands, Mail Stop 1124, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090–6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205–1604 or by e-mail to: landexchange@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Office of the Assistant Director—Lands Staff, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202–205–1248 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Vail, Assistant Director, Lands Staff, 202–205–2818 or Kim Berns, Land

Adjustment Program Manager, at 202–205–1248. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Land Exchanges.

OMB Number: 0596–0105.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of OMB approval.

Type of Request: Extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Land exchanges are discretionary, voluntary real estate transactions between the Secretary of Agriculture (acting by and through the Forest Service) and a non-Federal exchange party (or parties). Land exchanges can be initiated by a non-Federal party (or parties), an agent of a landowner, a broker, a third party, or a non-Federal public agency.

Each land exchange requires preparation of an Agreement to Initiate, as required by Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 254, subpart C, clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request section 254.4—Agreement to Initiate an Exchange. This document specifies the preliminary and non-binding intentions of the non-Federal land exchange party and the Forest Service in pursuing a land exchange. The Agreement to Initiate can contain such information as the description of properties being considered in the land exchange, an implementation schedule of action items, identification of the party responsible for each action item, as well as target dates for completion of each action item.

As the exchange proposal develops, the Forest Service and the non-Federal land exchange party may enter into binding Exchange Agreement, pursuant to Title 36 CFR part 254, subpart A, section 254.14—Exchange Agreement. The Exchange Agreement documents the conditions that must be met to complete the exchange. The Exchange Agreement can contain information such as identification of parties, description of lands and interests to be

exchanged, identification of all reserved and outstanding interest, and all other terms and conditions necessary to complete the exchange.

The Forest Service collects the information from the non-Federal party (or parties) necessary to complete the Agreement to Initiate and the Exchange Agreement. The information is collected by Forest Service personnel from parties involved in the exchange via telephone or in person. Data from this information collection is unique to each land exchange and is not available from other sources. No standardized forms are associated with this information collection.

Estimate of Annual Burden:

Agreement to Initiate: 1.

Exchange agreement: 1.

Type of Respondents: Non-Federal party (or parties) that can include landowners, agents of landowners, brokers, a third party or a non-Federal public agency.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 60.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

September 22, 2009.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on October 14, 2009 at the US Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 14, 2009, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST AN ACCOMMODATION (ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MEETING DATE) CONTACT: Arla Hams, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543–2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda: (1) Aquatic Invasive Species funding; (2) Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 11 process update, (3) Environmental Improvement Program update, (4) Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Regional Plan update, and (5) public comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting.

Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: September 23, 2009.

Terri Marceron,

Forest Supervisor.

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