DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary

USDA Reassigns Domestic Cane Sugar Allotments and Increases the Fiscal Year 2011 Raw Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture today announced a reassignment of surplus sugar under domestic cane sugar allotments of 325,000 short tons raw value (STRV) to imports and increased the fiscal year (FY) 2011 raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) by the same amount.

DATES: Effective: April 12, 2011.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA’s Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announces the reassignment of projected surplus cane sugar marketing allotments under the FY 2011 (October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011) Sugar Marketing Allotment Program. The FY 2011 cane sector allotment and cane state allotments are larger than can be fulfilled by domestically-produced cane sugar, so the surplus was reassigned to raw sugar imports as required by law.

Upon review of the domestic sugarcane processors’ sugar marketing allocations relative to their FY 2011 expected raw sugar supplies, CCC determined that all sugarcane processors had surplus allocation. Therefore, all sugarcane states’ sugar marketing allotments are reduced with this reassignment. The new cane state allotments are Florida, 1,856,850 STRV; Texas, 173,016 STRV; and Hawaii, 283,216 STRV. The 2011 sugar marketing allotment program will not prevent any domestic sugarcane processors from marketing all of their FY 2011 sugar supply.

On August 5, 2010, USDA established the FY 2011 TRQ for raw cane sugar at 1,231,497 STRV (1,117,195 metric tons raw value, MTRV*), the minimum the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the Secretary of Agriculture today increased the quantity of raw cane sugar imports of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties during FY 2011 by 325,000 STRV. With this increase, the overall FY 2011 raw sugar TRQ is now 1,556,497 STRV (1,412,030 MTRV). Raw cane sugar under this quota must be accompanied by a certificate for quota eligibility and may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS until September 30, 2011. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative will allocate this increase among supplying countries and customs areas.

This action is being taken after a determination that additional supplies of raw cane sugar are required in the U.S. market. USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis, and may make further program adjustments during FY 2011 if needed.

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

Dated: April 6, 2011.

Karlis T. Gutter, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Funding Availability: Inviting Applications for McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program’s Micronutrient-Fortified Food Aid Products Pilot; Correction

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) published a notice in the Federal Register on March 14, 2011, inviting proposals for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition (McGovern-Dole) Program Micronutrient-Fortified Food Aid Products Pilot (MFFAPP). The notice stated that eligible applicants could submit proposals through June 10, 2011. This date was incorrect and, by this notice, FAS is correcting the due date to June 15, 2011.

DATES: Effective on April 12, 2011

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FAS published a notice in the Federal Register on March 14, 2011 (76 FR 13598) that indicated that the application due date for proposals for funding under the MFFAPP was June 10, 2011. This date, which was incorrect, appeared in the SUMMARY section, the DATES section, and subsection IV.C. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

The correct application due date is June 15, 2011. By this notice, FAS informs applicants for funding under the MFFAPP that all applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, June 15, 2011. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Dated: April 4, 2011.

John D. Brewer, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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