

the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA)<sup>2</sup> to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 25, 2020, unless stayed pending reconsideration.<sup>3</sup> Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by April 3, 2020, and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>4</sup> must be filed by April 6, 2020.<sup>5</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 15, 2020, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CNR's representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: March 23, 2020.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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<sup>2</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

<sup>3</sup> CNR states that it intends to consummate the discontinuance of its trackage rights on the Line on April 26, 2020, or upon consummation of the transaction proposed in Docket No. FD 36347, whichever is later.

<sup>4</sup> The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>5</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review.

## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Adjustment to Specialty Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota Tranches and Opening Dates

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of a change in the quantity, and opening dates, for the fourth and fifth tranches of the specialty sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ).

**DATES:** This notice is applicable on March 30, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dylan Daniels, Office of Agricultural Affairs, at (202) 395-9583 or [Dylan.Daniels@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Dylan.Daniels@ustr.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), the United States maintains TRQs for imports of raw cane and refined sugar.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a TRQ for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the U.S. Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamations 6763 and 7235 (60 FR 1007 and 64 FR 197).

On July 15, 2019, USTR announced that the FY2020 specialty sugar TRQ of 171,656 MTRV would be administered in the following way. See 84 FR 33798. The first tranche of 1,656 MTRV was to open October 1, 2019, and all types of specialty sugars would be eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche of 50,000 MTRV was to open on October 9, 2019. The third tranche of 50,000 MTRV was to open on January 22, 2020. The fourth tranche of 35,000 MTRV was to open on April 15, 2020. The fifth tranche of 35,000 MTRV was to open on July 15, 2020.

When the third tranche opened on January 22, 2020, U.S. Customs and Border Protection allowed the tranche to be filled in the quantity of 55,000 MTRV, rather than the 50,000 MTRV intended, based on a typo in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's announcement of June 27, 2019. See 84 FR 30691. To correct this quantity in order to limit entries to the total amount established at 171,656 MTRV, USTR is reducing the quantity of the fifth tranche by 5,000 MTRV to 30,000 MTRV. USTR is combining the fourth tranche of 35,000 MTRV, and the fifth

tranche of 30,000 MTRV, into a combined special tranche of 65,000 MTRV, which will open on March 30, 2020.

**Gregory Doud,**

*Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Notice of Product Exclusions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of product exclusions.

**SUMMARY:** In September of 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$200 billion as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated a product exclusion process in June 2019, and interested persons have submitted requests for the exclusion of specific products. This notice announces the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to grant certain exclusion requests, as specified in the Annex to this notice, and corrects technical errors in previously announced exclusions.

**DATES:** The product exclusions announced in this notice will apply as of September 24, 2018, the effective date of the \$200 billion action, to August 7, 2020. The amendments announced in this notice are retroactive to the date the original exclusions were published.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general questions about this notice, contact Assistant General Counsels Philip Butler or Megan Grimball, or Director of Industrial Goods Justin Hoffmann at (202) 395-5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions identified in the Annex to this notice, contact [traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Background**

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see the prior notices including 82 FR 40213 (August 24, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018),