

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Small Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives	3.750
Non-Profit Organizations	2.750

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Jovita Carranza,
Administrator.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Fiscal Year 2020 Allocation of Additional Tariff-Rate Quota Volume for Raw Cane Sugar and Refined Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of the allocations of additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 in-quota quantities of the tariff-rate quotas (TRQ) for imported raw cane and refined sugars as announced by the Secretary of Agriculture on April 3, 2020.

DATES: This notice is applicable on April 9, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Nicholson, Office of Agricultural Affairs, at (202) 395-9419 or Erin.H.Nicholson@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 United States Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamation 6763 (60 FR 1007, January 4, 1995).

On April 3, 2020, the Secretary of Agriculture announced an additional in-quota quantity of the TRQ for raw cane sugar for the remainder of FY 2020 (ending September 30, 2020) in the amount of 317,515 metric tons raw value (MTRV). *See* 85 FR 18913. The conversion factor is 1 metric ton equals 1.10231125 short tons. This quantity is in addition to the minimum amount to

which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization Uruguay Round Agreements (1,117,195 MTRV). USTR is allocating this additional quantity of 317,515 MTRV to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY 2020 raw sugar TRQ increase allocation (MTRV)
Argentina	19,185
Australia	37,032
Barbados	3,123
Belize	4,908
Bolivia	3,569
Brazil	64,694
Colombia	10,708
Costa Rica	6,692
DR	30,000
Ecuador	4,908
El Salvador	11,600
Eswatini (Swaziland)	7,139
Fiji	4,015
Guatemala	21,417
Guyana	5,354
Honduras	4,462
India	3,569
Malawi	4,462
Mauritius	5,354
Mozambique	5,800
Nicaragua	9,369
Panama	10,000
Peru	18,293
South Africa	10,262
Thailand	6,246
Zimbabwe	5,354
Total	317,515

USTR based these allocations on the countries' historical shipments to the United States. The allocations of the raw cane sugar TRQ to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin, and certificates for quota eligibility must accompany imports from any country for which an allocation has been provided.

The Secretary of Agriculture also announced an increase in the FY 2020 refined sugar TRQ of 181,437 MTRV. USTR is allocating 5,000 MTRV of the additional quantity to Canada and the rest of the increase (176,437 MTRV) to the global tariff-rate quota, which may be supplied by any country on a first-come, first-served basis in seven tranches as follows:

Month	Day	FY 2020 refined sugar TRQ increased allocation (MTRV)
April	13	95,000
April	27	20,000
May	11	15,000

Month	Day	FY 2020 refined sugar TRQ increased allocation (MTRV)
May	18	12,000
June	1	12,000
June	15	12,000
June	29	10,437

No certificate for quota eligibility is required for sugar entering under the global TRQ for refined sugar.

Gregory Doud,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2020-0014]

Program Approval; Canadian National Railway

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of approval.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing this notice to explain its rationale for approving a Canadian National Railway (CN) petition for a Test Program designed to test track inspection technologies (*i.e.*, an autonomous track geometry measurement system) and new operational approaches to track inspections and its rationale for granting a limited, temporary suspension of a substantive FRA rule that is necessary to facilitate the conduct of the Test Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yu-Jiang Zhang, Staff Director, Track Division, Office of Railroad Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6460 or email yujiang.zhang@dot.gov; Aaron Moore, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-7009 or email aaron.moore@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 11, 2019, CN petitioned FRA under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 211.51 to suspend certain requirements of FRA's track safety regulations to conduct a program to test new track inspection technologies (*i.e.*, an autonomous track geometry measurement system) and new operational approaches to track

inspections. CN also submitted a written Test Program providing a description of the proposed tests and the geographic scope of the testing territory.

The Test Program specifies that the tests will be conducted on approximately 1,204 miles of main line and siding tracks on CN's corridor between Chicago and New Orleans, spanning 11 subdivisions.

The Test Program is designed to test autonomous track geometry measurement systems and gradually decrease manual visual inspections as an alternative to FRA's inspection frequency requirements. CN indicates that it will continue to use other inspection technologies during the Test Program, including: (1) Vehicle Track Interaction monitoring systems; (2) ultrasonic rail inspection systems; and (3) optical joint bar inspection systems. The Test Program will be carried out in four separate phases over the course of 12 months, as detailed in Exhibit C of the Test Program (available for review at www.regulations.gov (docket number FRA-2020-0014)).

After review and analysis of CN's petition for a Test Program, subject to certain conditions designed to ensure safety, FRA approved CN's Test Program and suspended the requirements of 49 CFR 213.233(b)(3) ¹ and (c) as necessary to carry out the Test Program. A copy of FRA's letter approving CN's Test Program and granting the requested limited temporary suspension of 49 CFR 213.233(b)(3) and (c), as well as a complete copy of the Test Program, is available in docket number FRA-2020-0014 at www.regulations.gov. FRA's letter approving CN's Test Program and granting the requested limited temporary suspension of certain regulations specifically details the conditions CN will need to undertake during the Test Program. As required by 49 CFR 211.51(c), FRA is providing this explanatory statement describing the Test Program.

As explained more fully in its approval letter, FRA finds that the temporary, limited suspension of 49 CFR 213.233(b)(3) and (c) is necessary to the conduct of the approved Test Program, which is specifically designed to evaluate the effectiveness of new automated track inspection technologies and operational methods. Furthermore, FRA also finds that the scope and application of the granted suspension of 49 CFR 213.233(b)(3) and (c) as applied to the Test Program are limited to that necessary to conduct the Test Program. Finally, FRA's approval letter outlines

the conditions of the Test Program that will ensure standards sufficient to assure safety.

John Karl Alexy,

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunity for America's Marine Highway Projects

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funding for grants and establishes selection criteria and application requirements for the Short Sea Transportation Program, commonly referred to as the America's Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The purpose of this program is to make grants available to previously designated Marine Highway Projects that support the development and expansion of documented vessels, or port and landside infrastructure. The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) will award Marine Highway Grants to implement projects or components of projects previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) under AMHP. Only Marine Highway Projects the Secretary designated before the Notice of Funding Opportunity closing date are eligible for funding as described in this notice.

DATES: Applications must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EDT on April 24, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Grant applications must be submitted electronically using [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (<https://www.grants.gov>). Please be aware that you must complete the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) registration process before submitting your application, and that the registration process usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to complete. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make submissions in advance of the deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Jones, Office of Ports & Waterways Planning, Room W21-311, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, phone 202-366-1123, or email Fred.Jones@dot.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service

(FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during business hours. The FIRS is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each section of this Notice contains information and instructions relevant to the application process for these Marine Highway Grants, and all applicants should read this Notice in its entirety so that they have the information they need to submit eligible and competitive applications. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered except in the case of unforeseen technical difficulties as outlined below in Section D.4.

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A. Program Description

The Secretary, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 55601, established a short sea transportation grant program to implement projects or components of designated Marine Highway Projects. The grant funds currently available are for projects related to documented vessels and port and landside infrastructure.

The America's Marine Highway Program Office (Program Office) follows a three-step approach when supporting investment opportunities for Marine Highway services. The first step is designation of a Marine Highway Route by the Secretary. The Department accepts Marine Highway Route Designation requests at any time from Route Sponsors. Once a Route is designated, the second step is designation as a Marine Highway Project by the Secretary. Marine Highway Projects represent concepts for new services or expansions of existing marine highway services on designated Marine Highway Routes that use documented vessels and mitigate land congestion or promote short sea transportation. MARAD will announce by notice in the **Federal Register** open season periods to allow Project Applicants opportunities to submit Marine Highway Project Designation applications. A Project Applicant must receive a Project Designation for that project to then become eligible for Marine Highway Grant funding, the

¹ The suspension of 49 CFR 213.233(b)(3) only applies to Phases 3 and 4 of the Test Program.