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*Authority:* 21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, 21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.* and 21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*

**Justin Ransom,**  
Administrator

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

[Docket ID FAS-25-0034]

### Notice of Request for Information for Refined Sugar

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for information.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests comments from the public on whether it would be necessary and appropriate to establish additional terms and conditions with respect to refined sugar imports, including comments on the potential impact of such modifications on the domestic sugar industry.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 14, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA invites submission of the requested information through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for DOCKET ID FAS-25-0034. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* FAS will accept electronic submissions emailed to [Sugars@usda.gov](mailto:Sugars@usda.gov). The email should contain the subject line, "Response to RFI: Refined Sugar Study, Impacts on the Domestic Sugar Industry."

- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:* Dylan Daniels, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 5933, Washington, DC 20250.

**Instructions:** Response to this RFI is voluntary. All comments submitted in response to this RFI will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. USDA will make the comments publicly available via <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dylan Daniels, Licensing Authority, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, email [Sugars@usda.gov](mailto:Sugars@usda.gov).

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## Background

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed into law the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law 119-21. Section 10312 of Public Law 119-21 amended section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359kk), adding a new subsection requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on whether the establishment of additional terms and conditions on refined sugar imports is necessary and appropriate. 7 U.S.C. 1359kk(d)(2)(A). The new subsection directs the Secretary to examine both the need for modifications to requirements for refined sugar imports and the potential impact of such modifications on the "domestic sugar industry," defined as domestic sugar beet producers and processors, producers and processors of sugar cane, and refiners of raw cane sugar.

### Request for Information

This RFI is a general solicitation for public input. This public input, including comments from stakeholders involved directly or indirectly in the importation of refined sugar, will inform USDA's examination of whether additional terms and conditions on refined sugar importation are necessary and appropriate.

Specifically, USDA requests comments on the following elements:

- A. The need for the following:
  1. Defining "refined sugar" as having a minimum polarization of 99.8 degrees or higher;
  2. Establishing a standard for color- or reflectance-based units for refined sugar such as those utilized by the International Commission of Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis;
  3. Prescribing specifications for the packaging type for refined sugar;
  4. Prescribing specifications for transportation modes for refined sugar;
  5. Requiring affidavits or other evidence that sugar imported as refined sugar will not undergo further refining in the United States;
  6. Prescribing appropriate terms and conditions to avoid unlawful sugar imports; and
  7. Establishing other definitions, terms and conditions, or other requirements; and
- B. The potential impacts of these modifications on the domestic sugar industry.

Respondents may provide non-confidential input concerning any or all of these elements. Any information obtained from this RFI is intended to be used by the Government on a non-attribution basis for determining

whether the establishment of additional terms and conditions for the importation of refined sugar is necessary and appropriate. This RFI does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. Your response to this notice will be treated as information only. FAS will not reimburse any costs incurred in responding to this RFI. Respondents are advised that FAS is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted under this RFI. Responses to this RFI do not bind FAS to any further actions related to this topic. Responses will become government property.

No confidential information, such as confidential business information or proprietary information, should be submitted in comments for this RFI. Comments received in response to this notice will be a matter of public record and will be made available for public inspection and posted without change and as received, including any business information or personal information provided in the comments, such as names and addresses. Please do not include anything in your comment submission that you do not wish to share with the general public.

**Daniel B. Whitley,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Marine Mammals; File No. 29182**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Shayna Orens, Cornell University, 235 Hungerford Hill Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850, has applied in due form for a permit to import and export marine mammal parts for scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before January 14, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting

File No. 29182 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 29182 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to import and export marine mammal parts from Chile for viral pathogen surveillance. Parts from up to 100 individual cetaceans and 100 individual pinnipeds (excluding walrus) would be obtained annually from authorized researchers or stranded animals. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: December 10, 2025.

**Shannon Bettridge,**

*Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XF384]

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council—Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel on January 20 and 21, 2026.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. EDT January 20, 2026 and 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. January 21, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel North Charleston; 2934 W Montague Ave., North Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (843) 938-1503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Myra Brouwer, Deputy Director for Management, SAFMC; phone 843/302-8436; email: [myra.brouwer@safmc.net](mailto:myra.brouwer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will also be available via webinar. Registration is required. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available 2 weeks prior to the meetings at: <https://safmc.net/advisory-panel-meetings/>.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP) will provide input on several of the Council's developing amendments and provide feedback on enforcement and compliance of Spawning Special Management Zones. The AP will also discuss how to clarify what constitutes the end of a commercial fishing trip as it pertains to enforcement and the potential for possible separate regulations for South Atlantic headboats. The AP will receive updates on Council programs and initiatives, such as citizen science, and provide updates on Joint Enforcement Agreement priorities and descending device compliance. The AP will discuss other items as needed.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be