

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Foreign Agricultural Service****Notice of a Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection relating to the issuance of certificates of quota eligibility (CQEs) required to enter sugar and sugar-containing products under tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) into the United States.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by no later than November 2, 2026, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0551-0014, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This portal enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.

- *Email:* dylan.daniels@usda.gov. Include OMB Control number 0551-0014 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail, hand delivery, or courier:* Dylan Daniels, Multilateral Affairs Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5550, Stop 1070, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1070.

- *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency names and OMB Control Number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dylan.Daniels@usda.gov, 202-777-9029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificates of Quota Eligibility.
OMB Number: 0551-0014.
Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2026.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Additional U.S. note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), established by Presidential

Proclamation 6763 of December 1994, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish for each fiscal year the quantity of sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered at the lower tariff rates of TRQs established under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations as reflected in the provisions of Schedule XX (United States), annexed to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Pursuant to 15 CFR part 2011, Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Imported Sugars, Syrups, and Molasses, Subpart A—Certificate of Quota Eligibility, CQEs are issued to foreign countries that have been allocated a share of the WTO sugar TRQ. This regulation provides for the issuance of CQEs by the Secretary of Agriculture and in general prohibits sugar entered under the WTO TRQ from being imported into the United States or withdrawn from a warehouse for consumption at the in-quota duty rates unless such sugar is accompanied by a valid CQE.

In addition, CQEs are required for the import of sugar into the United States under the sugar TRQs established under the U.S.—Colombia, U.S.—Panama, and U.S.—Peru Trade Promotion Agreements, as set forth in 19 U.S.C. 3805.

CQEs for the aforementioned WTO and free trade agreement (FTA) sugar TRQs are distributed to foreign countries by the Senior Director of the Multilateral Affairs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, or designee. The distribution of CQEs is in such amounts and at such times as the Senior Director determines are appropriate to enable the foreign country to fill its quota allocation for such quota period in a reasonable manner, taking into account harvesting periods, U.S. import requirements, and other relevant factors. The information required to be collected on the CQE is used to monitor and control the imports of products subject to the WTO and FTA sugar TRQs. A valid CQE, duly executed and issued by the Certifying Authority of the foreign country, is required for eligibility to enter the products into U.S. customs territory under the TRQs.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for the collection directly varies with the number of CQEs issued.

Type of Respondents: Foreign governments.

Estimated Number of WTO Respondents: 30.

Estimated Number of FTA Respondents: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 124.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden: 3,968 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kenneth Vernon, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at Kenneth.Vernon@usda.gov.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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 available without change, including any personal information provided, for inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and at the mail address listed above between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for OMB approval.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information should contact FAS-ReasonableAccommodation@usda.gov.

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Foreign Agricultural Service****Adjustment of Appendices Under the Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Regulation**

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the transfer of amounts for certain dairy articles from the historical license category (Appendix 1) to the lottery

(nonhistorical) license category (Appendix 2) pursuant to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing regulations for the 2027 quota year.

DATES: [Insert date of publication in the Federal Register]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foreign Agricultural Service, under a delegation of authority from the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, administers the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation codified at 7 CFR 6.20–6.36 that provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy

articles under tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) as set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States. These dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the low-tier tariff by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The Imports Program, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, issues these licenses and, in conjunction with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, monitors their use.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.34(a) states that whenever a historical license (Appendix 1) is permanently surrendered, revoked by the Licensing Authority, or not issued to an applicant pursuant to the provisions of § 6.23, then the amount of such license will be transferred to Appendix 2. Section 6.34(b) provides that the cumulative annual transfers will be published by notice in the **Federal Register**.

Accordingly, this document sets forth the revised Appendices in the table below. Although there are no changes to the quantities for designated licenses (Appendix 3 and Appendix 4), those numbers are also included in the table below for completeness.

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ARTICLES SUBJECT TO DAIRY IMPORT LICENSES
[Kilograms] ¹

	Historical licenses (Appendix 1) ²	Lottery licenses (Appendix 2) ³	Sum of Appendix 1 & 2 ⁴	Designated licenses (Tokyo round, Appendix 3) ⁴	Designated licenses (Uruguay round, Appendix 4) ⁴	Total ⁴
NON-CHEESE ARTICLES, Notes 6, 7, 8, 12, 14 (Appendix 1 reduction):						
BUTTER (NOTE 6, Commodity Code G) (– 22kg) ..	4,009,061	2,967,917	6,977,000	.....	.....	6,977,000
EU–27	53,053	29,046	82,099	.....	.....	.....
New Zealand	72,172	78,421	150,593	.....	.....	.....
United Kingdom	6,443	7,619	14,062	.....	.....	.....
Other Countries	0	73,935	73,935	.....	.....	.....
Any Country (– 22kg)	3,877,393	2,778,918	6,656,311	.....	.....	.....
DRIED SKIM MILK (NOTE 7, Commodity Code K)	0	5,261,000	5,261,000	.....	.....	5,261,000
Australia	0	600,076	600,076	.....	.....	.....
Canada	0	219,565	219,565	.....	.....	.....
Any Country	0	4,441,359	4,441,359	.....	.....	.....
DRIED WHOLE MILK (NOTE 8, Commodity Code H)	0	3,321,300	3,321,300	.....	.....	3,321,300
New Zealand	0	3,175	3,175	.....	.....	.....
Any Country	0	3,318,125	3,318,125	.....	.....	.....
DRIED BUTTERMILK/WHEY (NOTE 12, Com- modity Code M)	0	224,981	224,981	.....	.....	224,981
Canada	0	161,161	161,161	.....	.....	.....
New Zealand	0	63,820	63,820	.....	.....	.....
BUTTER SUBSTITUTES CONTAINING OVER 45 PERCENT OF BUTTERFAT AND/OR BUTTER OIL (NOTE 14, Commodity Code SU)	0	6,080,500	6,080,500	.....	.....	6,080,500
Any Country	0	6,080,500	6,080,500	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL: NON-CHEESE ARTICLES (– 22kg)	4,009,061	17,855,720	21,864,781	.....	.....	21,864,781
CHEESE ARTICLES (Notes 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25):						
CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE (NOTE 16, Commodity Code OT)						
(– 2,058,739kg)	13,613,554	17,856,176	31,469,731	9,661,128	7,496,000	48,626,859
Argentina	0	7,690	7,690	92,310	.....	100,000
Australia	13,122	528,048	541,170	758,830	1,750,000	3,050,000
Canada (– 12,806kg)	386,595	754,405	1,141,000	.....	.....	1,141,000
Costa Rica	0	0	0	.....	1,550,000	1,550,000
EU–27 (not including Portugal) (– 1,969,129kg)	10,368,215	10,907,352	21,275,567	835,707	3,168,576	25,279,850
Portugal (– 65,838kg)	0	129,309	129,309	223,691	.....	353,000
Israel	79,696	0	79,696	593,304	.....	673,000
Iceland	29,054	264,946	294,000	29,000	.....	323,000
New Zealand	1,278,380	3,537,092	4,815,472	6,506,528	.....	11,322,000
Norway (– 5,171kg)	30,924	119,076	150,000	.....	.....	150,000
Switzerland (– 4,325kg)	423,111	248,301	671,412	548,588	500,000	1,720,000
Uruguay	0	0	0	.....	250,000	250,000
United Kingdom (– 1,470kg)	848,729	1,014,051	1,862,780	73,170	277,424	2,213,374
Other Countries	82,127	119,508	201,635	.....	.....	201,635
Any Country	0	300,000	300,000	.....	.....	300,000
BLUE-MOLD CHEESE (NOTE 17, Commodity Code B) (– 11,697kg)	1,852,231	628,770	2,481,001		430,000	2,911,001

ARTICLES SUBJECT TO DAIRY IMPORT LICENSES—Continued
[Kilograms]¹

	Historical licenses (Appendix 1) ²	Lottery licenses (Appendix 2) ³	Sum of Appendix 1 & 2 ⁴	Designated licenses (Tokyo round, Appendix 3) ⁴	Designated licenses (Uruguay round, Appendix 4) ⁴	Total ⁴
Argentina	0	2,000	2,000	.....	.....	2,000
EU-27 (– 11,697kg)	1,839,910	618,395	2,458,305	.....	347,078	2,805,383
Chile	0	0	0	.....	80,000	80,000
United Kingdom	12,321	8,374	20,695	.....	2,922	23,617
Other Countries	0	1	1	.....	.....	1
CHEDDAR CHEESE (NOTE 18, Commodity Code C) (– 6,956kg)	1,654,958	2,628,898	4,283,856	519,033	7,620,000	12,422,889
Australia	794,431	190,068	984,499	215,501	1,250,000	2,450,000
Chile	0	0	0	0	220,000	220,000
EU-27	11,819	71,718	83,537	0	333,515	417,052
New Zealand (– 6,956kg)	751,361	2,045,107	2,796,468	303,532	5,100,000	8,200,000
United Kingdom	22,755	156,708	179,463	0	716,485	895,948
Other Countries	74,592	65,297	139,889	.....	.....	139,889
Any Country	0	100,000	100,000	.....	.....	100,000
AMERICAN-TYPE CHEESE (NOTE 19, Commodity Code A)	0	3,165,553	3,165,553	357,003	0	3,522,556
Australia	0	880,998	880,998	119,002	.....	1,000,000
EU-27	0	354,000	354,000	.....	.....	354,000
New Zealand	0	1,761,999	1,761,999	238,001	.....	2,000,000
Other Countries	0	168,556	168,556	.....	.....	168,556
EDAM AND GOUDA CHEESE (NOTE 20, Commodity Code D) (– 280,004kg)	3,918,488	1,687,914	5,606,402	0	1,210,000	6,816,402
Argentina	105,418	19,582	125,000	.....	110,000	235,000
EU-27 (– 280,004kg)	3,702,024	1,586,976	5,289,000	.....	1,100,000	6,389,000
Norway	111,046	55,954	167,000	.....	.....	167,000
Other Countries	0	25,402	25,402	.....	.....	25,402
ITALIAN-TYPE CHEESES (NOTE 21, Commodity Code D) (– 44,470kg)	3,178,705	4,341,842	7,520,547	795,517	5,165,000	13,481,064
Argentina (– 13,055kg)	909,906	3,215,577	4,125,483	367,517	1,890,000	6,383,000
EU-27 (– 31,416kg)	2,268,798	1,113,202	3,382,000	.....	2,025,000	5,407,000
Romania	0	0	0	.....	500,000	500,000
Uruguay	0	0	0	428,000	750,000	1,178,000
Other Countries	0	13,064	13,064	.....	.....	13,064
SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE (NOTE 22, Commodity Code GR) (– 2,279kg)	1,897,417	4,753,897	6,651,314	823,519	380,000	7,854,833
EU-27 (– 436kg)	1,737,496	3,414,498	5,151,994	393,006	380,000	5,925,000
Switzerland (– 1,844kg)	148,760	1,270,727	1,419,487	430,513	.....	1,850,000
Other Countries	11,160	68,673	79,833	.....	.....	79,833
LOWFAT CHEESE (NOTE 23, Commodity Code LF)	0	4,424,908	4,424,908	1,050,000	0	5,474,908
EU-27	0	4,424,907	4,424,907	.....	.....	4,424,907
Israel	0	0	0	50,000	.....	50,000
New Zealand	0	0	0	1,000,000	.....	1,000,000
Other Countries	0	1	1	.....	.....	1
SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE WITH EYE FORMATION (NOTE 25, Commodity Code SW) (– 740,397kg)	9,482,167	12,815,164	22,297,331	9,557,945	2,620,000	34,475,276
Argentina	0	9,115	9,115	70,885	.....	80,000
Australia	209,698	0	209,698	290,302	.....	500,000
Canada	0	0	0	70,000	.....	70,000
EU-27 (– 40,572kg)	7,769,700	8,707,128	16,476,828	4,003,172	2,420,000	22,900,000
Iceland	0	149,999	149,999	150,001	.....	300,000
Israel	0	27,000	27,000	.....	.....	27,000
Norway (– 697,246kg)	244,861	3,410,449	3,655,310	3,227,690	.....	6,883,000
Switzerland (– 2,580kg)	749,962	934,143	1,684,105	1,745,895	200,000	3,630,000
Other Countries	0	85,276	85,276	.....	.....	85,276
TOTAL: CHEESE ARTICLES (– 3,144,542kg)	35,597,520	52,302,216	87,900,643	22,764,145	24,921,000	135,585,788
TOTAL: CHEESE & NON-CHEESE	39,606,581	70,157,914	109,765,424	22,764,145	24,921,000	157,450,569

¹ Source of the total TRQs is the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule, Chapter 4, in the corresponding Additional U.S. Notes.² Reduced from 2025 by a total of – 3,144,542 kg.³ Increased from 2025 by a total of 3,144,542 kg.⁴ No change.