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Netherlands Antilles
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Virgin Islands, British

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1996-97 Allocation of the Tariff-rate Quotas for Raw 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 allocation among supplying countries and customs areas for the period that begins October 1, 1996 and ends September 30, 1997, of the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quotas for imported raw cane and refined sugar.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Audra Erickson, Senior Economist, Office of Agricultural Affairs (Room 421), Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audra Erickson, Office of Agricultural Affairs, 202-395-6127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains tariff-rate quotas for imports of raw cane and refined sugar. For the period October 1, 1996-September 30, 1997, the Secretary of Agriculture has initially established the in-quota quantity of the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota at 1,700,000 metric tons, raw value (1,873,929 short tons) and has established the in-quota quantity of the refined sugar tariff-rate quota at 47,000 metric tons, raw value (51,808 short tons), of which the Secretary has reserved 1,656 metric tons for specialty sugars. The Secretary of Agriculture has

also proved for potential increases in the amount of raw cane sugar made available under the tariff-rate quota based on a determination by the Secretary of a certain stocks-to-use ratio for sugar. In the event of such an increase, USTR will provide notice of any allocation of that amount.

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 tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the United States Trade Representative under paragraph (3) of Presidential Proclamation No. 6763 (60 FR 1007).

Raw Cane Sugar Allocation

Accordingly, USTR is allocating the 1,700,000 metric tons for raw cane sugar currently available to the following countries or areas in metric tons, raw value:

Country	FY 1997 allocation
Argentina	69,774
Australia	134,681
Barbados	11,359
Belize	17,849
Bolivia	12,981
Brazil	235,286
Columbia	38,944
Congo	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258
Costa Rica	24,340
Dominican Republic	285,588
Ecuador	17,849
El Salvador	42,189
Fiji	14,604
Gabon	7,258
Guatemala	77,888
Guyana	19,472
Haiti	7,258
Honduras	16,227
India	12,981
Jamaica	17,849
Madagascar	7,258
Malawi	16,227
Mauritius	19,472
Mexico	25,000
Mozambique	21,095
Nicaragua	34,076
Panama	47,057
Papua New Guinea	7,258
Paraguay	7,258
Peru	66,529
Philippines	219,059
South Africa	37,321
St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258
Swaziland	25,963
Taiwan	19,472
Thailand	22,717
Trinidad-Tobago	11,359
Uruguay	7,258
Zimbabwe	19,472
Total	1,700,000

This allocation includes the following minimum-quota countries: Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Haiti, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, St. Kitts & Nevis, and Uruguay.

The 25,000 metric ton allocation to Mexico is subject to the condition that the total imports of raw and refined sugar from Mexico, combined, is not to exceed 25,000 metric tons, raw values. Furthermore, each allocation to a country that is a net importer of sugar is conditioned on compliance with the requirements of section 902(c)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1446g note).

Refined Sugar Allocation

With respect to the in-quota quantity of the refined sugar tariff-rate quota, USTR is allocating 25,000 metric tons to Mexico to fulfill obligations pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). This allocation is subject to the condition that the total imports of raw and refined sugar from Mexico, combined, is not to exceed 25,000 metric tons raw value. Under the NAFTA, the United States is to provide total access for raw and refined sugar from Mexico of 25,000 metric tons, raw value, for this quota period because the United States and Mexico have jointly determined that Mexico is projected to be a net surplus producer of at least 25,000 metric tons, raw value, of sugar for the 1996-7 marketing year.

USTR is not allocating among supplying countries or customs areas the remainder of the in-quota quantity of the refined sugar tariff-rate quota, including the amount reserved for specialty sugars, for the period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997.

Charlene Barshefsky,

Acting United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Hardy County, West Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for the proposed Moorefield Bypass project in Hardy County, West Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Leighow, Division Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, 550 Eagan Street, Suite 300, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, Telephone (304) 347-5268; or, Mr. Ben L. Hark, West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, Building 5, Room A-464, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430, Telephone (304) 558-2885.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Transportation, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct an approximately 3-mile bypass with partially controlled access on US 220 around Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia. The Moorefield Bypass is proposed to relieve traffic congestion associated with heavily industrialized areas within and surrounding the downtown area of Moorefield.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) The No-Build Alternative, which consists of taking no action; and (2) the Build Alternatives, which include improving existing roadways and the construction of a bypass with partially controlled access on various new locations.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this project. Public meetings will be held in the study area prior to the public hearings. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal scoping meeting will be held.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: September 19, 1996.
David A. Leighow,
Environmental Coordinator Charleston, West Virginia.
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Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger, L.L.P. (The Texas Mexican Railway Company) for permission to use certain data from the Board's 1992 through 1995 Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of the request (WB500 - 9/18/96) may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

Contact: James A. Nash, (202) 927-6196.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Liquors and Articles From Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 29, 1996, to be assured of consideration.
ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Tami Light, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Liquors and Articles from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.
OMB Number: 1512-0494.
Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number: ATF REC 5530/3.

Abstract: This information collection applies to persons bringing nonbeverage products into the United States from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Recordkeeping requirements are necessary for the verification of claims for drawback of distilled spirits excise taxes paid on such products. The record retention period for this information collection is 3 years.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 120.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Also, ATF requests information regarding any monetary expenses you may incur while completing this information collection.