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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Sugar Import Quotas: Amendment of
Import Quotas on Sugars for Fiscal Year 1983
AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice increases the annual (fiscal year) sugar import quota for the period October 1, 1982 through September 30, 1983 from 2,800,000 short tons, raw value, to 2,802,000 short tons, raw value, and reserves the increase for specialty sugars from certain countries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 23, 1983.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Presidential Proclamation No. 4941, dated May 5, 1982 (47 FR 19661), amended headnote 3 of subpart A, part 10, schedule 1 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) to modify the import quotas on sugars and to establish a country-by-country allocation system for these imports. Under the terms of headnote 3, the Secretary of Agriculture established an annual (fiscal year) sugar import quota period of October 1, 1982-September 30, 1983 and on September 15, 1982 set the 1983 fiscal year quota at 2,800,000 short tons, raw value (47 FR 41407).

Headnote 3 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to amend the quantitative limitations established by paragraph (c) if he determines that such amendments are appropriate to give due consideration to the interests in the United States sugar market of domestic producers and materially affected contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The quota system for sugars presently in force has prevented the importation of certain refined sugars used for specialized purposes when these sugars are the product of countries that do not presently have a quota allocation. These specialty sugars are presently not available from domestic refiners and are not expected to become available during the period in question. By a separate notice the U.S. Trade Representative is modifying the allocation provisions of headnote 3 to provide a small quota for the importation of specialty sugars to those countries which have exported sugars to the United States during the period 1974-1981, but which do not presently have a quota. In order to prevent this action from reducing the quantity of sugars that countries currently allocated a quota can import, the size of the annual quota will be increased by 2,000 short tons, raw value, and this additional amount will be reserved for specialty sugars from countries that currently do not have a quota.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the requirements of headnote 3 of subpart A, part 10, schedule 1 of the TSUS, the Secretary of Agriculture, after consultation with the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the Department of State has increased the annual sugar import quota for the period October 1, 1982 through September 30, 1983 by adding 2,000 short tons, raw value, for imports of "specialty sugars" from countries listed in paragraph (c)(ii) of headnote 3. The Secretary has determined that this increase gives due consideration to the interests in the United States sugar market of domestic producers and materially affected contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In conformity with the above, paragraph (a) of headnote 3 is modified to read as follows:

3. (a) The total amount of sugars, syrups, and molasses described in items 155.20 and 155.30, the products of all foreign countries entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, between October 1, 1982 and September 30, 1983, inclusive, shall not exceed, in the aggregate, 2,802,000 short tons, raw value. Of this amount, the total amount permitted to be imported for

purposes of paragraph (c)(i) of this headnote (the total base quota amount) shall be 2,800,000 short tons. raw value, and the remaining 2,000 short tons. raw value, may only be used for the importation of "specialty sugars", as defined by the United States Trade Representative, in accordance with paragraph (c)(ii) of this headnote.

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John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture