

# USTR Announces FY 2019 WTO Tariff-Rate Quota Allocations for Raw Cane Sugar

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Washington, D.C. – The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative today announced the country-specific in-quota allocations under the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) on imported raw cane sugar for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019).

TRQs allow countries to export specified quantities of a product to the United States at a relatively low tariff, but subject all imports of the product above a pre-determined threshold to a higher tariff.

On June 29, 2018, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the establishment of the in-quota quantity for raw cane sugar for FY 2019. The in-quota quantity for the TRQ on raw cane sugar for FY 2019 is 1,117,195 metric tons\* raw value (MTRV), which is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement. The Office of the United State Trade Representative (USTR) is allocating the raw cane sugar TRQ of 1,117,195 MTRV to the following countries in the quantities specified below:

<b>Country</b>	<b>FY 2019 Raw Cane Sugar allocations (MTRV)</b>
Argentina	45,281
Australia	87,402
Barbados	7,371
Belize	11,584
Bolivia	8,424
Brazil	152,691
Colombia	25,273
Congo	7,258
Costa Rica	15,796
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258
Dominican Republic	185,335
Ecuador	11,584
El Salvador	27,379
Fiji	9,477
Gabon	7,258
Guatemala	50,546
Guyana	12,636
Haiti	7,258
Honduras	10,530
India	8,424
Jamaica	11,584
Madagascar	7,258
Malawi	10,530
Mauritius	12,636
Mexico	7,258
Mozambique	13,690
Nicaragua	22,114
Panama	30,538

Papua New Guinea	7,258
Paraguay	7,258
Peru	43,175
Philippines	142,160
South Africa	24,220
St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258
Swaziland	16,849
Taiwan	12,636
Thailand	14,743
Trinidad & Tobago	7,371
Uruguay	7,258
Zimbabwe	12,636

These allocations are based on each country's 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 to which an allocation is provided.

Raw cane sugar for the FY 2019 TRQ may enter the United States as of October 1, 2018.

\*Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.