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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Globalization of the Specialty Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota;
Determination That Organic Refined Sugar is a Specialty Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of determinations.

SUMMARY: The Acting United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined that the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for imported specialty sugars (1,656 metric tons) will be available on a globalized basis for the remainder of the quota period ending September 30, 1996, and that organic refined sugar is a specialty sugar.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 19, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As specified in 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 refined sugar (sugars, syrups and molasses provided for under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the HTS). The Secretary of Agriculture established the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for the period October 1, 1995-September 30, 1996, at 22,000 metric tons, raw value, and reserved 1,656 metric tons, raw value, of this amount for the importation of specialty sugars. (60 FR 42142.)

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (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 USTR in Proclamation 6763, of December 23, 1994. (60 FR 1007).

Section 2011.202 (15 CFR Part 2011), defines specialty sugar to include "other sugars, as determined by the United States Trade Representative, that would be considered specialty sugar products within the normal commerce of the United States."

Pursuant to section 2011.202, the USTR has determined that organic

refined sugar is a specialty sugar within the normal commerce of the United States. Moreover, pursuant to section 404(d)(3) of the URAA, the USTR has

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determined that the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for specialty sugars will be globalized for the remainder of the quota period ending September 30, 1996.

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