

Agriculture; Room 2457, Waterfront Centre; 800 9th Street, SW.; Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions:

All submissions received must include the agency name and the Docket Number NIFA-2010-0001. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Meeting and Comment Procedures

Persons wishing to present oral comments at the Wednesday, June 2, 2010 meeting are requested to pre-register by contacting Ms. Terri Joya at (202) 401-1761, by fax at (202) 401-1782 or by e-mail to tjoya@nifa.usda.gov. Participants may reserve one 5-minute comment period. More time may be available, depending on the number of people wishing to make a presentation and the time needed for questions following presentations. Reservations will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. All other attendees may register at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted for the record at the meeting. All comments must be received by close of business June 7, 2010 to be considered. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, may be reviewed on the NIFA Web page for six months. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Joya as directed above.

Background and Purpose

Section 7406 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246) amended subsection 2(b) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a new competitive grant program to provide funding for fundamental and applied research, extension, and education to address food and agricultural sciences. Subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out this program, the Secretary may award grants to State agricultural experiment stations; colleges and universities; university research foundations; other research institutions and organizations; Federal agencies; national laboratories; private organizations or corporations; individuals; or any group consisting of

two or more of the aforementioned entities. Grants shall be awarded to address priorities in United States agriculture in the following areas: (A) Plant health and production and plant products; (B) Animal health and production and animal products; (C) Food safety, nutrition, and health; (D) Renewable energy, natural resources, and environment; (E) Agriculture systems and technology; and (F) Agriculture economics and rural communities. To the maximum extent practicable, NIFA, in coordination with the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), will make awards for high priority research, education, and extension, taking into consideration, when available, the determinations made by the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The authority to carry out this program has been delegated to NIFA through the Undersecretary for REE.

NIFA is holding a public meeting to obtain comments to consider in developing the Fiscal Year 2011 solicitations for the AFRI competitive grants program. The meeting is open to the public. Written comments and suggestions on issues that may be considered in the meeting may be submitted to the NIFA Docket Clerk at the address above.

Summary of Agriculture and Food Research Initiative

The program authorizes \$700 million in grants for FY 2008-12, of which the Secretary may retain no more than 4% for administrative costs. Funds will be available for obligation for a two-year period beginning in the fiscal year for which funds are first made available. Grants will be awarded on the basis of merit, quality, and relevance and may have terms of up to 10 years.

Of the AFRI funds allocated to research activities, section 7406 directs 60 percent toward grants for fundamental (or basic) research, and 40 percent toward applied research. Of the AFRI funds allocated to fundamental research, not less than 30 percent of AFRI grants will be directed toward research by multidisciplinary teams. In addition, the law specifies that of the total amount appropriated for AFRI, not less than 30 percent is to be used for integrated programs.

Implementation Plans

NIFA plans to consider stakeholder input received from this public meeting as well as other written comments in developing the Fiscal Year 2011 solicitations for this program.

Done at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of May 2010.

Meryl Broussard,

Interim Deputy Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures provided for in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the updated quantity trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. This notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 7, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Safeguard Staff, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Office of Trade Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021; or by telephone at (202) 720-0638, or by e-mail at itspd@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication as a result of the Uruguay Round, if certain conditions are met. The agreement permits additional duties to be charged if the price of an individual shipment of imported products falls below the average price for similar goods imported during the years 1986-88 by a specified percentage. It also permits additional duties to be imposed if the volume of imports of an article exceeds the average of the most recent 3 years for which data are available by 5, 10, or 25 percent, depending on the article. These additional duties may not be imposed on quantities for which minimum or current access commitments were made during the Uruguay Round negotiations, and only one type of safeguard, price or quantity, may be applied at any given time to an article.

Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act requires that the President cause to be published in the **Federal Register** information regarding the price and quantity safeguards, including the quantity trigger levels, which must be updated annually based upon import levels during the most recent 3 years. The President delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, dated December 23, 1994, 60 FR 1005 (Jan. 4, 1995). The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated the duty to the Administrator of the Foreign

Agricultural Service (7 CFR 2.43(a)(2) (2007)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels.

Additional information on the products subject to safeguards and the additional duties which may apply can be found in subchapter IV of Chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (2010) and in the Secretary of Agriculture's Notice of Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels, published in the **Federal Register** at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

Notice: As provided in section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously notified are superceded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice. The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Action published in the **Federal Register**, at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

Issued at Washington, DC, April 29, 2010.

John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

ANNEX—QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER

Product	Trigger level	Period
Beef	270,519 mt	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Mutton	4,503 mt	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Cream	1,165,099 liters	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	3,536,146 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Nonfat Dry Milk	393,499 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Dried Whole Milk	2,397,493 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Dried Cream	27,330 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	30,238 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Butter	7,311,166 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	6,985,605 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Dairy Mixtures	43,535,705 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Blue Cheese	4,846,863 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Cheddar Cheese	12,272,710 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
American-Type Cheese	7,093,001 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Edam/Gouda Cheese	7,019,833 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Italian-Type Cheese	22,355,614 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	28,867,494 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Gruyere Process Cheese	4,398,721 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Lowfat Cheese	848,545 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
NSPF Cheese	46,400,350 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Peanuts	15,172 mt	April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.
	18,176 mt	April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
Peanut Butter/Paste	4,280 mt	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Raw Cane Sugar	1,407,556 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	1,142,815 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Refined Sugar and Syrups	191,180 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	176,800 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Blended Syrups	107 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	134 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Articles Over 65% Sugar	578 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	277 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Articles Over 10% Sugar	15,617 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	15,083 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	1,249 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	1,054 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Chocolate Crumb	10,081,708 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	226,647 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	10,530 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Mixes and Doughs	315 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	383 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	176 mt	October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
	280 mt	October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
Ice Cream	2,869,565 liters	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Animal Feed Containing Milk	32,419 kilograms	January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
Short Staple Cotton	699,482 kilograms	September 20, 2009 to September 19, 2010.
	591,350 kilograms	September 20, 2010 to September 19, 2011.
Harsh or Rough Cotton	0 kilograms	August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010.
	0 kilograms	August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011.
Medium Staple Cotton	688,341 kilograms	August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010.
	149,148 kilograms	August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011.
Extra Long Staple Cotton	3,656,233 kilograms	August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010.
	2,017,042 kilograms	August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011.
Cotton Waste	395,745 kilograms	September 20, 2009 to September 19, 2010.
	432,133 kilograms	September 20, 2010 to September 19, 2011.

ANNEX—QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER—Continued

Product	Trigger level	Period
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	3,995 kilograms 31,338 kilograms	September 11, 2009 to September 10, 2010. September 11, 2010 to September 10, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

**Action Affecting Export Privileges;
Orion Air, S.L. and Syrian Pearl
Airlines; Order Renewing Order
Temporarily Denying Export Privileges**

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Syria, Respondents

Pursuant to Section 766.24 of the
Export Administration Regulations, 15
CFR parts 730-774 (2009) (“EAR” or the
“Regulations”), I hereby grant the
request of the Bureau of Industry and
Security (“BIS”) to renew for 180 days
the Order Temporarily Denying the
Export Privileges of Respondents Orion
Air, S.L. (“Orion Air”) and Syrian Pearl
Airlines (collectively, “Respondents”),
as I find that renewal of the temporary
denial order (“TDO” or the “Order”) is
necessary in the public interest to
prevent an imminent violation of the
EAR.

I. Procedural History

On May 7, 2009, then-Acting
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for
Export Enforcement Kevin Delli-Colli
signed an Order Temporarily Denying
the Export Privileges of the Respondents
for 180 days on the grounds that its
issuance was necessary in the public
interest to prevent an imminent
violation of the Regulations. Pursuant to
Section 766.24(a), the TDO was issued
ex parte and was effective upon
issuance. Copies of the TDO were sent
to each Respondent in accordance with
section 766.5 of the Regulations and the
Order was published in the **Federal
Register** on May 26, 2009.¹ Thereafter,
on November 2, 2009, Acting Assistant
Secretary Delli-Colli issued an Order
renewing the TDO for an additional 180

days.² The current Order would expire
on May 1, 2010, unless renewed in
accordance with section 766.24 of the
Regulations.

On April 9, 2010, BIS, through its
Office of Export Enforcement (“OEE”),
filed a written request for renewal of the
TDO against the Respondents for an
additional 180 days and served a copy
of its request on the Respondents in
accordance with section 766.5 of the
Regulations. No opposition to renewal
of the TDO has been received from
either Orion Air or Syrian Pearl
Airlines.

II. Discussion

A. Legal Standard

Pursuant to section 766.24(d)(3) of the
EAR, the sole issue to be considered in
determining whether to continue a TDO
is whether the TDO should be renewed
to prevent an imminent violation of the
EAR, as “imminent” violation is defined
in section 766.24. “A violation may be
‘imminent’ either in time or in degree of
likelihood.” 15 CFR 766.24(b)(3). BIS
may show “either that a violation is
about to occur, or that the general
circumstances of the matter under
investigation or case under criminal or
administrative charges demonstrate a
likelihood of future violations.” *Id.* As to
the likelihood of future violations, BIS
may show that “the violation under
investigation or charges is significant,
deliberate, covert and/or likely to occur
again, rather than technical and
negligent[.]” *Id.* A “lack of information
establishing the precise time a violation
may occur does not preclude a finding
that a violation is imminent, so long as
there is sufficient reason to believe the
likelihood of a violation.” *Id.*

B. Findings

As part of its initial TDO request, BIS
presented evidence that on or about
May 1, 2009, Orion Air re-exported a
BAE 146-300 aircraft (tail number EC-
JVO) to Syria, and specifically to Syrian
Pearl Airlines, without the U.S.
Government authorization required by
General Order No. 2 of Supplement 1 to
Part 736 of the EAR. The aircraft is
subject to the Regulations because it

contains greater than a 10-percent de
minimis amount of U.S.-origin content.
Orion Air engaged in this re-export
transaction despite having been directly
informed of the export licensing
requirements by the U.S. Government.
Moreover, Orion Air not only engaged
in this conduct after having received
actual as well as constructive notice of
the applicable license requirements, but
then sought to evade the Regulations
and U.S. export controls by giving the
U.S. Government false assurances that it
would put the transaction on hold due
to the U.S. Government’s concerns.

BIS also produced evidence that the
re-exported aircraft bore the livery,
colors and logos of Syrian Pearl
Airlines, a national of Syria, a Country
Group E:1 destination; was flight
capable; and under the terms of the
lease agreement was to be based in and
operated out of Syria during the lease
term. The record also shows that the re-
exported aircraft currently remains in
Syria under the control of Syrian Pearl
Airlines.

In addition to the unauthorized re-
export described above, Acting
Assistant Secretary Delli-Colli also
concluded that additional violations
were imminent based on statements by
Orion Air to the U.S. Government in
May 2009 that Orion Air planned to re-
export an additional BAE 146-300
aircraft (tail number EC-JVJ) to Syria,
and specifically to Syrian Pearl Airlines.
This second aircraft was at the time
undergoing maintenance in the United
Kingdom, and remains located there.
Moreover, the agreement between Orion
Air and Syrian Pearl Airlines involved
both aircraft. Based on my review of the
record, I find that the facts and
circumstances that led to the issuance of
the initial TDO and the November 2009
renewal Order continue to show that
renewal of the TDO for an additional
180 days is necessary and in the public
interest to prevent an imminent
violation of the EAR. Absent renewal of
the TDO, there remains a substantial
continued risk that the second aircraft
will be re-exported contrary to the
Regulations, given that, *inter alia*, Orion
Air acted with actual knowledge and
took deceptive and evasive action. This
finding alone would justify renewal.
There also would be a substantial risk
that, absent renewal of the TDO, the first
aircraft, which remains in Syria, would

² The November 2, 2009 renewal Order was
effective immediately and was published in the
Federal Register on November 9, 2009 (74 FR
57626).

¹ 74 FR 24,786.