

(either a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). If a FONSI is reached, APHIS furnishes a response to the petitioner, either approving or denying the petition. APHIS also publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of the GE organism and the availability of APHIS' final EA, PPRA, FONSI, and our regulatory determination.

APHIS sought public comment on a draft EA and a draft PPRA from June 26, 2018, to July 26, 2018.<sup>3</sup> APHIS solicited comments on the draft EA, the draft PPRA, and whether the subject canola is likely to pose a plant pest risk. APHIS received two comments on the petition, both of which supported a decision of nonregulated status for event B0050–027 canola.

### National Environmental Policy Act

After reviewing and evaluating the comments received during the comment period on the draft EA and draft PPRA and other information, APHIS has prepared a final EA. The EA has been prepared to provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts associated with the determination of nonregulated status of canola designated as event B0050–027. The EA was prepared in accordance with: (1) NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). Based on our EA, the response to public comments, and other pertinent scientific data, APHIS has reached a FONSI with regard to the preferred alternative identified in the EA (to make a determination of nonregulated status of canola designated as event B0050–027).

### Determination

Based on APHIS' analysis of field and laboratory data submitted by Nuseed, references provided in the petition, peer-reviewed publications, information analyzed in the EA, the PPRA,

comments provided by the public, and information provided in APHIS' response to those public comments, APHIS has determined that canola designated as event B0050–027 is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk and therefore is no longer subject to our regulations governing the introduction of certain GE organisms.

Copies of the signed determination document, PPRA, final EA, FONSI, and response to comments, as well as the previously published petition and supporting documents, are available as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** sections of this notice.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of August 2018.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Adjustment of Appendices Under the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2018 Tariff-Rate Quota Year

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the document “Articles Subject to: Appendix 1, Historical Licenses; Appendix 2 Non-historical Licenses; and Appendix 3 and 4, Designated Importers Licenses for Quota Year 2018.” The quantities in Appendices 1 and 2 have been revised under the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2018 quota year to reflect the cumulative annual transfers from Appendix 1 to Appendix 2 for certain dairy product import licenses permanently surrendered by licensees or revoked by the Licensing Authority.

**DATES:** August 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Abdelsalam El-Farra, Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import

Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–1021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Foreign Agricultural Service, under a delegation of authority from the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, administers the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation codified at 7 CFR 6.20–6.36 that provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles under tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) as set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States. These dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the low-tier tariff by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, issues these licenses and, in conjunction with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, monitors their use.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.34(a) states: “Whenever a historical license (Appendix 1) is not issued to an applicant pursuant to the provisions of 6.23, is permanently surrendered or is revoked by the Licensing Authority, the amount of such license will be transferred to Appendix 2.” Section 6.34(b) provides that the cumulative annual transfers will be published by notice in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this document sets forth the revised Appendices 1 and 2 for the 2018 tariff-rate quota year below.

Issued at Washington, DC, the 6th day of July 2018.

**Ronald Lord,**  
*Licensing Authority.*

<sup>3</sup> 83 FR 29742–29743.

ARTICLES SUBJECT TO: APPENDIX 1, HISTORICAL LICENSES; APPENDIX 2 NON-HISTORICAL LICENSES; AND APPENDIX 3  
AND 4, DESIGNATED IMPORTERS LICENSES FOR QUOTA YEAR 2018  
[Quantities in kilograms]

Non-cheese articles	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Sum of Appendix 1&2	Appendix 3 Tokyo Round	Appendix 4 Uruguay Round	Grand total
BUTTER (NOTE 6)	4,303,234	2,673,766	6,977,000			6,977,000
EU-27	62,599	33,562	96,161			
New Zealand	76,503	74,090	150,593			
Other Countries	37,155	36,780	73,935			
Any Country	4,126,977	2,529,334	6,656,311			
DRIED SKIM MILK (NOTE 7)	0	5,261,000	5,261,000			5,261,000
Australia	0	600,076	600,076			
Canada	0	219,565	219,565			
Any Country	0	4,441,359	4,441,359			
DRIED WHOLE MILK (NOTE 8)	0	3,321,300	3,321,300			3,321,300
New Zealand	0	3,175	3,175			
Any Country	0	3,318,125	3,318,125			
DRIED BUTTERMILK/WHEY (NOTE 12)	0	224,981	224,981			224,981
Canada	0	161,161	161,161			
New Zealand	0	63,820	63,820			
BUTTER SUBSTITUTES CONTAINING OVER 45 PERCENT OF BUTTERFAT AND/OR BUTTER OIL (NOTE 14)	0	6,080,500	6,080,500			6,080,500
Any Country	0	6,080,500	6,080,500			
<b>TOTAL: NON-CHEESE ARTICLES</b>	<b>4,303,234</b>	<b>17,561,547</b>	<b>21,864,781</b>			<b>21,864,781</b>
CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE (NOTE 16)	17,681,563	13,788,168	31,469,731	9,661,128	7,496,000	48,626,859
Argentina	0	7,690	7,690	92,310		100,000
Australia	535,628	5,542	541,170	758,830	1,750,000	3,050,000
Canada	950,162	190,838	1,141,000			1,141,000
Costa Rica	0	0	0		1,550,000	1,550,000
EU-27	13,934,235	9,333,421	23,267,656	1,132,568	3,446,000	27,846,224
Of which Portugal is	65,838	63,471	129,309	223,691		353,000
Israel	79,696	0	79,696	593,304		673,000
Iceland	29,054	264,946	294,000	29,000		323,000
New Zealand	1,351,000	3,464,472	4,815,472	6,506,528		11,322,000
Norway	122,860	27,140	150,000			150,000
Switzerland	512,184	159,228	671,412	548,588	500,000	1,720,000
Uruguay	0	0	0		250,000	250,000
Other Countries	100,906	100,729	201,635			201,635
Any Country	0	300,000	300,000			300,000
BLUE-MOLD CHEESE (NOTE 17)	1,933,126	547,875	2,481,001		430,000	2,911,001
Argentina	2,000	0	2,000			2,000
EU-27	1,931,126	547,874	2,479,000		350,000	2,829,000
Chile	0	0	0		80,000	80,000
Other Countries	0	1	1			1
CHEDDAR CHEESE (NOTE 18)	2,305,671	1,978,185	4,283,856	519,033	7,620,000	12,422,889
Australia	891,246	93,253	984,499	215,501	1,250,000	2,450,000
Chile	0	0	0		220,000	220,000
EU-27	52,404	210,596	263,000		1,050,000	1,313,000
New Zealand	1,265,070	1,531,398	2,796,468	303,532	5,100,000	8,200,000
Other Countries	96,951	42,938	139,889			139,889
Any Country	0	100,000	100,000			100,000
AMERICAN-TYPE CHEESE (NOTE 19)	1,182,569	1,982,984	3,165,553	357,003	0	3,522,556
Australia	761,890	119,108	880,998	119,002		1,000,000
EU-27	136,075	217,925	354,000			354,000
New Zealand	176,865	1,585,134	1,761,999	238,001		2,000,000
Other Countries	107,739	60,817	168,556			168,556
EDAM AND GOUDA CHEESE (NOTE 20)	4,286,917	1,319,485	5,606,402	0	1,210,000	6,816,402
Argentina	105,418	19,582	125,000		110,000	235,000
EU-27	4,065,691	1,223,309	5,289,000		1,100,000	6,389,000
Norway	111,046	55,954	167,000			167,000
Other Countries	4,762	20,640	25,402			25,402
ITALIAN-TYPE CHEESES (NOTE 21)	6,107,184	1,413,363	7,520,547	795,517	5,165,000	13,481,064
Argentina	3,692,345	433,138	4,125,483	367,517	1,890,000	6,383,000
EU-27	2,414,839	967,161	3,382,000		2,025,000	5,407,000
Romania	0	0	0		500,000	500,000
Uruguay	0	0	0	428,000	750,000	1,178,000
Other Countries	0	13,064	13,064			13,064
SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE (NOTE 22)	4,238,006	2,413,308	6,651,314	823,519	380,000	7,854,833
EU-27	2,983,722	2,168,272	5,151,994	393,006	380,000	5,925,000
Switzerland	1,220,786	198,701	1,419,487	430,513		1,850,000
Other Countries	33,498	46,335	79,833			79,833
CHEESE AND SUBSTITUTES FOR CHEESE (NOTE 23)	1,173,766	3,251,142	4,424,908	1,050,000	0	5,474,908
EU-27	1,173,766	3,251,141	4,424,907			4,424,907
Israel	0	0	0	50,000		50,000
New Zealand	0	0	0	1,000,000		1,000,000
Other Countries	0	1	1			1
SWISS OR EMMENTHALER CHEESE WITH EYE FORMATION (NOTE 25)	13,104,939	9,192,392	22,297,331	9,557,945	2,620,000	34,475,276
Argentina	0	9,115	9,115	70,885		80,000
Australia	209,698	0	209,698	290,302		500,000
Canada	0	0	0	70,000		70,000

ARTICLES SUBJECT TO: APPENDIX 1, HISTORICAL LICENSES; APPENDIX 2 NON-HISTORICAL LICENSES; AND APPENDIX 3 AND 4, DESIGNATED IMPORTERS LICENSES FOR QUOTA YEAR 2018—Continued  
[Quantities in kilograms]

Non-cheese articles	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Sum of Appendix 1&2	Appendix 3 Tokyo Round	Appendix 4 Uruguay Round	Grand total
EU-27 .....	9,775,290	6,701,538	16,476,828	4,003,172	2,420,000	22,900,000
Iceland .....	0	149,999	149,999	150,001	.....	300,000
Israel .....	27,000	0	27,000	.....	.....	27,000
Norway .....	2,285,329	1,369,981	3,655,310	3,227,690	.....	6,883,000
Switzerland .....	759,369	924,736	1,684,105	1,745,895	200,000	3,630,000
Other Countries .....	48,253	37,023	85,276	.....	.....	85,276
<b>TOTAL: CHEESE ARTICLES .....</b>	<b>52,013,741</b>	<b>35,886,902</b>	<b>87,900,643</b>	<b>22,764,145</b>	<b>24,921,000</b>	<b>135,585,788</b>
<b>TOTAL: CHEESE &amp; NON-CHEESE .....</b>	<b>56,316,975</b>	<b>53,448,449</b>	<b>109,765,424</b>	<b>22,764,145</b>	<b>24,921,000</b>	<b>157,450,569</b>

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2019 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a fee of \$300 to be charged for the 2019 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States.

**DATES:** August 28, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Abdelsalam El-Farra, Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.36 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles that are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff-rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the

license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of such licenses is monitored by the Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to defray the Department of Agriculture's costs of administering the licensing system under this regulation.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2019 calendar year.

*Notice:* The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system for 2019 has been estimated to be \$749,300.00 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,500. Of the total cost, \$479,200.00 represents staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system, and \$270,100.00 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, postage, publications, forms, and Automatic Data Processing (ADP) system support.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2019 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$300 per license.

Issued at Washington, DC, the 6th day of July 2018.

**Ronald Lord,**  
Licensing Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

#### Stakeholder Listening Opportunity for Priorities in Research, Education and Extension

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of listening sessions and stakeholder feedback opportunities.

**SUMMARY:** USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture announces its stakeholder listening initiative "NIFA Listens: Investing in Science to Transform Lives." This stakeholder listening opportunity informs the research, extension and education priorities of NIFA, which has the mission of investing in and advancing agricultural research, education and extension to solve societal challenges. For the purpose of this opportunity, *Agriculture* is defined broadly and includes research, extension, and education in food, fiber, forestry, range, nutritional and social sciences, including food safety and positive youth development. NIFA's investments in transformative science directly support the long-term prosperity and global pre-eminence of U.S. agriculture. This listening opportunity allows stakeholders to provide feedback on the following questions: "When considering all of agriculture, what is the greatest challenge that should be addressed through NIFA's research, education, and extension?" "In your field, what is the most-needed breakthrough in science/technology that would advance your agricultural enterprise?" and, "What is your top priority in food and agricultural research, extension, or education that NIFA should address?"

This effort to obtain input regarding the challenges, needed breakthroughs, and priorities will be carried out through online and in-person