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*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00).

*Date:* June 5, 2019.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center Building (NSC), 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[CBP Dec. 19-04]

#### Tuna Tariff-Rate Quota for Calendar Year 2019 Tuna Classifiable Under Subheading 1604.14.22, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Announcement of the quota quantity of tuna in airtight containers for Calendar Year 2019.

**SUMMARY:** Each year, the tariff-rate quota for tuna described in subheading 1604.14.22, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), is calculated as a percentage of the tuna in airtight containers entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the preceding calendar year. This document sets forth the tariff-rate quota for Calendar Year 2019.

**DATES:** The 2019 tariff-rate quota is applicable to tuna in airtight containers entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Peterson, Headquarters Quota and Agricultural Branch, Interagency Collaboration Division, Trade Policy and Programs, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC 20229-1155, (202) 384-8905.

#### Background

It has been determined that 14,945,117 kilograms of tuna in airtight containers may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during Calendar Year 2019, at the rate of 6.0 percent *ad valorem* under subheading 1604.14.22, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Any such tuna which is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the current calendar year in excess of this quota will be dutiable at the rate of 12.5 percent *ad valorem* under subheading 1604.14.30, HTSUS.

Dated: May 9, 2019.

**Brenda Smith,**

*Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

#### Determination Pursuant to Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, as Amended

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, pursuant to law, that it is necessary to waive certain laws, regulations, and other legal requirements in order to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the international land border in Cochise County and Pima County, Arizona.

**DATES:** This determination takes effect on May 15, 2019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Important mission requirements of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) include border security and the detection and

prevention of illegal entry into the United States. Border security is critical to the nation’s national security. Recognizing the critical importance of border security, Congress has mandated DHS to achieve and maintain operational control of the international land border. Secure Fence Act of 2006, Public Law 109-367, 2, 120 Stat. 2638 (Oct. 26, 2006) (8 U.S.C. 1701 note). Congress defined “operational control” as the prevention of all unlawful entries into the United States, including entries by terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband. *Id.* Consistent with that mandate from Congress, the President’s Executive Order on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements directed executive departments and agencies to deploy all lawful means to secure the southern border. Executive Order 13767, § 1. In order to achieve that end, the President directed, among other things, that I take immediate steps to prevent all unlawful entries into the United States, including the immediate construction of physical infrastructure to prevent illegal entry. Executive Order 13767, § 4(a).

Congress has provided to the Secretary of Homeland Security a number of authorities necessary to carry out DHS’s border security mission. One of those authorities is section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, as amended (“IIRIRA”). Public Law 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009-546, 3009-554 (Sept. 30, 1996) (8 U.S.C. 1103 note), as amended by the REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13, Div. B, 119 Stat. 231, 302, 306 (May 11, 2005) (8 U.S.C. 1103 note), as amended by the Secure Fence Act of 2006, Public Law 109-367, 3, 120 Stat. 2638 (Oct. 26, 2006) (8 U.S.C. 1103 note), as amended by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, Div. E, Title V, § 564, 121 Stat. 2090 (Dec. 26, 2007). In section 102(a) of IIRIRA, Congress provided that the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take such actions as may be necessary to install additional physical barriers and roads (including the removal of obstacles to detection of illegal entrants) in the vicinity of the United States border to deter illegal crossings in areas of high illegal entry into the United States. In section 102(b) of IIRIRA, Congress mandated the installation of additional fencing, barriers, roads, lighting, cameras, and sensors on the southwest border. Finally, in section 102(c) of IIRIRA, Congress granted to the Secretary of Homeland Security the

authority to waive all legal requirements that I, in my sole discretion, determine necessary to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads authorized by section 102 of IIRIRA.

## Determination and Waiver

### Section 1

The United States Border Patrol's (Border Patrol) Tucson Sector is an area of high illegal entry. In fiscal year 2018, the Border Patrol apprehended over 52,000 illegal aliens attempting to enter the United States between border crossings in the Tucson Sector. Also in fiscal year 2018, the Border Patrol had over 1,900 separate drug-related events between border crossings in the Tucson Sector, through which it seized over 134,000 pounds of marijuana, 62 pounds of cocaine, over 91 pounds of heroin, and over 902 pounds of methamphetamine. Additionally, Cochise and Pima Counties, which are within the Tucson Sector, have been identified as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

During the high levels of illegal entry of people and drugs within the Tucson Sector, I must use my authority under Section 102 of IIRIRA to install additional physical barriers and roads in the Tucson Sector. Therefore, DHS will take immediate action to replace existing barriers in the Tucson Sector. Construction will occur along four separate segments of the border, which are referred to herein as the "project areas" and more specifically described in Section 2 below.

The existing barriers within the project areas include both vehicle fencing and outmoded pedestrian fencing that no longer satisfy Border Patrol's operational needs. Transnational criminal organizations known for smuggling drugs and aliens into United States from Mexico are known to operate in the area. These transnational criminal organizations have been able to use the lack of adequate infrastructure and the surrounding terrain, which provides high ground for scouts seeking to protect and warn smugglers moving through the area, to their advantage. Therefore, Border Patrol requires a more effective barrier. The existing vehicle barriers and outmoded pedestrian fencing will be replaced with an 18 to 30 foot barrier that employs a more operationally effective design. In addition, roads will be constructed or improved and lighting will be installed.

To support DHS's action under Section 102 of IIRIRA, DHS requested that the Department of Defense,

pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 284(b)(7), assist by constructing fence, roads, and lighting within the Tucson Sector in order to block drug smuggling corridors across the international boundary between the United States and Mexico. The Acting Secretary of Defense has concluded that the support requested satisfies the statutory requirements of 10 U.S.C. 284(b)(7) and that the Department of Defense will provide such support in the project areas described in Section 2 below.

### Section 2

I determine that the following areas in the vicinity of the United States border, located in the State of Arizona within the United States Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, are areas of high illegal entry (the "project areas"):

- Starting approximately one-half (.5) mile west of Border Monument 178 and extending east to Border Monument 162;
- Starting at Border Monument 100 and extending east for approximately one (1) mile;
- Starting at Border Monument 98 and extending east to Border Monument 97; and
- Starting approximately one-half (.5) mile west of Border Monument 83 and extending east to Border Monument 74.

There is presently an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers and roads in the vicinity of the border of the United States in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States in the project areas pursuant to sections 102(a) and 102(b) of IIRIRA. In order to ensure the expeditious construction of the barriers and roads in the project areas, I have determined that it is necessary that I exercise the authority that is vested in me by section 102(c) of IIRIRA.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 102(c) of IIRIRA, I hereby waive in their entirety, with respect to the construction of physical barriers and roads (including, but not limited to, accessing the project areas, creating and using staging areas, the conduct of earthwork, excavation, fill, and site preparation, and installation and upkeep of physical barriers, roads, supporting elements, drainage, erosion controls, safety features, lighting, cameras, and sensors) in the project areas, all of the following statutes, including all federal, state, or other laws, regulations, and legal requirements of, deriving from, or related to the subject of, the following statutes, as amended: The National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91–190, 83 Stat. 852 (Jan. 1, 1970) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*)); the Endangered

Species Act (Pub. L. 93–205, 87 Stat. 884 (Dec. 28, 1973) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)); the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*)); the National Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 89–665, 80 Stat. 915 (Oct. 15, 1966), as amended, repealed, or replaced by Public Law 113–287, 128 Stat. 3094 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 100101 note and 54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.*)); the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*); the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715 *et seq.*); the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*); the Archeological Resources Protection Act (Pub. L. 96–95, 93 Stat. 721 (Oct. 31, 1979) (16 U.S.C. 470aa *et seq.*)); the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470aaa *et seq.*); the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*); the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*); the Noise Control Act (42 U.S.C. 4901 *et seq.*); the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*); the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 86–523, 74 Stat. 220 (June 27, 1960) as amended, repealed, or replaced by Public Law 113–287, 128 Stat. 3094 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 469 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 312502 *et seq.*)); the Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 431 *et seq.*, now codified 54 U.S.C. 320301 *et seq.*); the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 461 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 3201–320303 & 320101–320106); Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 90–542, 82 Stat. 906 (Oct. 2, 1968) (16 U.S.C. 1271 *et seq.*)); the Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. 4201 *et seq.*); the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94–579, 90 Stat. 2743 (Oct. 21, 1976) (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*)); the Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88–577, 78 Stat. 890 (Sept. 3, 1964) (16 U.S.C. 1131 *et seq.*)); 43 U.S.C. 387; the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (Pub. L. 89–669, 80 Stat. 926 (Oct. 15, 1966) (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee)); National Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (Pub. L. 84–1024, 70 Stat. 1119 (Aug. 8, 1956) (16 U.S.C. 742a, *et seq.*)); the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (Pub. L. 73–121, 48 Stat. 401 (March 10, 1934) (16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*)); the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1241 *et seq.*); the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C.

551 *et seq.*); the Wild Horse and Burro Act (16 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*); the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403); the National Park Service Organic Act and the National Park Service General Authorities Act (Pub. L. 64–235, 39 Stat. 535 (Aug. 25, 1916) and Public Law 91–383, 84 Stat. 825 (Aug. 18, 1970) as amended, repealed, or replaced by Public Law 113–287, 128 Stat. 3094 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4 and 16 U.S.C. 1a–1 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 100101–100102, 54 U.S.C. 100301–100303, 54 U.S.C. 100501–100507, 54 U.S.C. 100701–100707, 54 U.S.C. 100721–100725, 54 U.S.C. 100751–100755, 54 U.S.C. 100901–100906, 54 U.S.C. 102101–102102)); Sections 401(7), 403, and 404 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–625, 92 Stat. 3467 (Nov. 10, 1978)); 50 Stat. 1827 (April 13, 1937); Sections 301(a)–(f) of the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 101–628, 104 Stat. 4469 (Nov. 28, 1990)); Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–696, 102 Stat. 4571 (Nov. 18, 1988) (16 U.S.C. 460xx)); 16 U.S.C. 450y (Pub. L. 77–216, 55 Stat. 630 (Aug. 18, 1941), as amended by Public Law 82–478, 66 Stat. 510 (July 9, 1952)); 67 Stat. c18 (Nov. 5, 1952); National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et seq.*); Multiple-Use and Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 (16 U.S.C. 528–531); the Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*); the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*); and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996).

This waiver does not revoke or supersede the previous waivers published in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 2007 (72 FR 60870), and April 8, 2008 (73 FR 19078), which shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms. I reserve the authority to execute further waivers from time to time as I may determine to be necessary under section 102 of IIRIRA.

**Kevin K. McAleenan,**

*Acting Secretary of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

#### Determination Pursuant to Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, as Amended

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, pursuant to law, that it is necessary to waive certain laws, regulations, and other legal requirements in order to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the international land border in Imperial County, California.

**DATES:** This determination takes effect on May 15, 2019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Important mission requirements of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) include border security and the detection and prevention of illegal entry into the United States. Border security is critical to the nation’s national security. Recognizing the critical importance of border security, Congress has mandated DHS to achieve and maintain operational control of the international land border. Secure Fence Act of 2006, Public Law 109–367, 2, 120 Stat. 2638 (Oct. 26, 2006) (8 U.S.C. 1701 note). Congress defined “operational control” as the prevention of all unlawful entries into the United States, including entries by terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband. *Id.* Consistent with that mandate from Congress, the President’s Executive Order on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements directed executive departments and agencies to deploy all lawful means to secure the southern border. Executive Order 13767, § 1. In order to achieve that end, the President directed, among other things, that I take immediate steps to prevent all unlawful entries into the United States, including the immediate construction of physical infrastructure to prevent illegal entry. Executive Order 13767, § 4(a).

Congress has provided to the Secretary of Homeland Security a number of authorities necessary to carry out DHS’s border security mission. One of those authorities is section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, as amended (“IIRIRA”). Public Law 104–208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009–546, 3009–554 (Sept. 30, 1996) (8 U.S.C 1103

note), as amended by the REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109–13, Div. B, 119 Stat. 231, 302, 306 (May 11, 2005) (8 U.S.C. 1103 note), as amended by the Secure Fence Act of 2006, Public Law 109–367, 3, 120 Stat. 2638 (Oct. 26, 2006) (8 U.S.C. 1103 note), as amended by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110–161, Div. E, Title V, § 564, 121 Stat. 2090 (Dec. 26, 2007). In section 102(a) of IIRIRA, Congress provided that the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take such actions as may be necessary to install additional physical barriers and roads (including the removal of obstacles to detection of illegal entrants) in the vicinity of the United States border to deter illegal crossings in areas of high illegal entry into the United States. In section 102(b) of IIRIRA, Congress mandated the installation of additional fencing, barriers, roads, lighting, cameras, and sensors on the southwest border. Finally, in section 102(c) of IIRIRA, Congress granted to the Secretary of Homeland Security the authority to waive all legal requirements that I, in my sole discretion, determine necessary to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads authorized by section 102 of IIRIRA.

#### Determination and Waiver

##### Section 1

The United States Border Patrol’s (Border Patrol) El Centro Sector is an area of high illegal entry. In fiscal year 2018, the Border Patrol apprehended over 29,000 illegal aliens attempting to enter the United States between border crossings in the El Centro Sector. Also in fiscal year 2018, the Border Patrol had approximately 200 separate drug-related events between border crossings in the El Centro Sector, through which it seized over 620 pounds of marijuana, over 165 pounds of cocaine, over 56 pounds of heroin, and over 1,600 pounds of methamphetamine. Additionally, Imperial County, California, which is located in the El Centro Sector, has been identified as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

During the high levels of illegal entry of people and drugs within the El Centro Sector, I must use my authority under section 102 of IIRIRA to install additional physical barriers and roads in the El Centro Sector. Therefore, DHS will take immediate action to replace existing vehicle barriers in the El Centro Sector. The segment within which such construction will occur is referred to herein as the “project area” and is more