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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (FVIAC or Committee) was established to develop recommendations for submission to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) on issues affecting the U.S. produce industry. Through this notice, the USDA is requesting nominations to fill up to 25 upcoming vacancies on the FVIAC. The Secretary will appoint industry representative to serve a two-year term of office that would commence in 2024. The Secretary invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed in the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section to nominate individuals or themselves for membership on the FVIAC.

DATES: Nomination packages, including a cover letter to the Secretary, the nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae, and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Form AD-755, must be postmarked on or before September 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Nomination packages may be submitted electronically by Email to SCPFVIAC@usda.gov, or mailed to: Jennie M. Varela, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1124 1st Street South, Winter Haven, FL, 33880; Attn: Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee. Electronic submittals are preferred.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miss Jennie Varela, Designated Federal Officer, Telephone at (202) 658-8616 or by Email SCPFVIAC@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the FVIAC is to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to better meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

The USDA is seeking members who represent the fruit and vegetable industry including fruit and vegetable growers/shippers; fruit and vegetable wholesalers/receivers; brokers; retailers; fruit and vegetable processors and fresh-cut processors; foodservice suppliers; organic and non-organic farmers; farmers markets and community-supported agricultural organizations; state agriculture departments; and trade associations. Industry members are appointed by the Secretary and serve 2-year terms, with a maximum of three 2-year terms.

Please note that individuals who are registered as Federal lobbyists are not eligible to serve on Federal advisory committees in an individual capacity. See "Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions," 79 FR 47482 (Aug. 13, 2014). Members can only serve on one USDA advisory committee at a time. All nominees will undergo a USDA background check.

The following must be submitted to nominate yourself or someone else to the FVIAC: a resume or curriculum vitae, a USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Form AD-755—available online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>, and a cover letter to the Secretary. A list of endorsements or letters of recommendation, and a biography may also be submitted. The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include a summary of the following information: current and past organization affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; and any other notable positions held. For submissions received that are more than five one-sided pages in length, only the first five pages will be reviewed.

The Secretary appointed 25 members in 2022. Two (2) members have served two terms and twenty-three (23) members have served one term, which all expire October 28, 2024. The

Secretary will appoint members for the upcoming vacancies to serve a 2-year term of office beginning in 2024 and ending in 2026. Nominations received that could fill future unexpected vacancies in any of the position categories will be held as a pool of candidates that the Secretary can draw upon as replacement appointees if unexpected vacancies occur. A person appointed to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the 2-year term of the vacant position.

The Deputy Administrator of the AMS Specialty Crops Program serves as the FVIAC Executive Secretary. Representatives from USDA mission areas and agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry could be called upon to participate in the FVIAC's meetings as determined by the FVIAC Executive Secretary and the FVIAC.

The full Committee expects to meet at least twice a year in-person (or by computer-based conferencing), and the meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**. Committee workgroups or subcommittees will meet as deemed necessary by the chairperson and may meet through teleconference or by computer-based conferencing. Subcommittees may invite technical experts to present information for consideration by the subcommittee. The subcommittee meetings will not be announced in the **Federal Register**. All data and records available to the full Committee are expected to be available to the public when the full Committee reviews and approves the work of the subcommittee(s). Members must be prepared to work outside of scheduled Committee and subcommittee meetings and may be required to assist in document preparation. Committee members serve on a voluntary basis; however, travel expenses and per diem reimbursement are available.

The Secretary seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the FVIAC in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the FVIAC have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable,

individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the many communities, identities, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities.

The information collection requirements concerning the nomination process have been previously cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0505–0001.

Dated: June 27, 2024.

Cikena Reid,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture.

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-based 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: This notice is applicable on [Enter date of publication in **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Multilateral Affairs Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1070, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–1070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonya Wahi-Miller, *sonya.wahi-miller@usda.gov*, 202–649–3870.

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 when the volume of imports of that product exceeds the sum of (1) a base trigger level multiplied by the average of the last three years of available import data and (2) the change in yearly consumption in the most recent year for which data are available (provided that the final trigger level is not less than 105 percent of the three-year import average). The base trigger level is set at 105, 110, or 125 percent of the three-year import average, depending on the percentage of domestic consumption that is represented by imports. 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 1007 (Jan. 4, 1995). The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated this duty, which lies with the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (7 CFR 2.601(a)(42)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels, consistent with the provisions of Article 5.

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 (2024) 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 WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously notified are superseded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice. The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the **Federal Register**, at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

Elaine Trevino,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

ANNEX—QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGERS

Product	2024 Quantity-based safeguard triggers		
	Trigger level	Unit	Period
Beef	372,197	MT	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Mutton	4,684,007	MT	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Cream	7,086,865	Liters	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	7,112,159	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Nonfat Dry Milk	2,348,461	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Dried Whole Milk	4,073,804	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Dried Cream	33,373	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	217,643	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Butter ¹	143,993,327	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Butteroil	23,654,977	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Chocolate Crumb	13,743,686	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	934,573	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Animal Feed Containing Milk	145,324	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Ice Cream	17,305,958	Liters	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Dairy Mixtures	32,277,853	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	15,376,570	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Blue Cheese	3,811,994	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
Cheddar Cheese	13,341,643	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.
American-Type Cheese	107,494	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2024–Dec 31, 2024.