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Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2024 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a fee of \$325 to be charged for the 2025 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 20, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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

Import Program within the 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 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 2025 calendar year.

The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system for 2025 has been estimated to be \$551,234.00 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 1,696. Of the total cost, \$348,584.00 represents staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system, and \$202,234.00 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, publications, 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 2025 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$325 per license.

Daniel R. Williams II,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Adjustment of Appendices Under the Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Regulation

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the transfer of amounts for certain dairy articles from the historical license category (Appendix 1) to the lottery (nonhistorical) license category (Appendix 2) pursuant to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing regulations for the 2024 quota year.

DATES: August 20, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 Imports Program, 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.

7 CFR 6.34(a) provides that whenever a historical license (Appendix 1) is permanently surrendered, revoked by the Licensing Authority, or not issued to an applicant pursuant to the provisions of § 6.23, the amount of such license will be transferred to Appendix 2. Section 6.25(b) of the regulations provides that beginning with the 2024 quota year, a historical licensee who has surrendered more than 50% of such historical license in at least three of the past five quota years will have their historical license reduced to the average of their imports over those five years. When issuing historical licenses for the 2024 quota year, FAS used license usage data from 2019–2023 to implement this provision of the regulations. Section 6.34(b) provides that the cumulative annual transfers to Appendix 2 will be published by notice in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this document sets forth the revised Appendices in the table below. Although there are no changes to the quantities for designated licenses (Appendix 3 and Appendix 4), those numbers are also included in the table below for completeness.

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Acting Deputy Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.