



Rural Payments Agency

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 08/19

IMPORTS OF RICE UNDER COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No. 1273/2011

Introduction

This notice explains how the rules are applied to this quota and how to apply for a licence. It also advises you of the amounts available in the April quota period for semi milled and wholly milled rice. Details of the quantities available are outlined in Annex 1 of this notice.

Important: This notice also informs you of the potential impact on your quota applications and licences when the UK leaves the EU.

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 12 April 2019, you **will not** be able to submit applications for licences under the quotas detailed in this notice.

However, as advised in Notice to Traders 01/19, any licences issued prior 12 April, which are still valid for use, will remain available for imports into the UK only.

If the UK enters an extension period before leaving the EU, you **will** be able to submit applications for quota licences during the application period set out in this notice.

Licences issued under these quotas can be used for importing into the EU whilst the UK remains a member. However, once the UK leaves the EU, these licences **will** only be valid for importing into the UK.

Proof of Trade

The following proofs must be supplied to be eligible for a rice quota licence. If you do not have the proof of trade as detailed below, you are not eligible and cannot apply for a quota licence.

You must be established and registered for VAT in the Member State where you make your application for licences. You must tell us your current VAT registration number. You can provide your VAT number on your quota licence application, or send us a copy of your current VAT certificate. However, if your company is part of a group VAT registration number, we will need to see a hard copy of your current VAT certificate before the quota deadline.

If this is your first application of the quota year you must provide evidence to prove that you have imported rice at least once during:-

- The 12 month period immediately prior to the time of application; and
- The 12 month period immediately prior to that.

HMRC agents or representatives cannot apply for import licences under these quota arrangements.

Note: Please refer to Notice to Traders [26/18](#) for details of the full procedures on providing proof of trade and applying for licences. If you do not follow the rules of the scheme your application will be rejected.

Applications

Quota applications must be received within the first 10 working days of April 2018. It is your responsibility to ensure that your application, and all supporting documentation, is correct at the time of submission and must be received by the RPA no later than this date.

Note: We will reject any applications where securities and/or proof of trade are received after 12 noon on 12 April 2018.

We advise you to use the latest version of the application form, which you can find [here](#). You can also find information on the changes to licensing rules in Notice to Traders [38/16](#).

You can submit applications either by post or e-mail. The e-mail address for licence applications is trader@rpa.gov.uk

Your application must not exceed the quantity available in each sub-period for the country of origin of product for which you are applying.

Box 24 must contain an entry. Details of the required entry can be found in Annex 1 of this notice.

Applications for rice originating in Thailand, Australia or the United States under Articles 1(1)(a) and 1(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No. 1273/2011 must be accompanied

by the original export licence. The licence must have been completed in accordance with the model set out in Annexes II, III and IV of Regulation (EU) No. 1273/2011 and issued by the competent body in these countries.

The completion of sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Thai export licence is optional.

Applicants must not lodge more than one import licence application for the same quota order number in the same sub-period, unless it is accompanied by an export licence.

Note: If you lodge more than one application for the same quota order number, all your applications will be rejected.

Security

Security of €46 per tonne must be lodged with each licence application. You can find further information on how to lodge your security [here](#).

Issuing Licences

The European Commission will notify us of the quantity for which licences may be issued within 2 weeks of the application deadline (this may be less than the quantity applied for). Where this reduces the quantity to be issued to less than 20 tonnes, lots will be drawn.

If the quantity of your licence has been reduced to less than 20 tonnes, you may withdraw your licence application within 2 working days of when the reduction is set.

When we have been notified by the Commission of the quantity allocated, we will issue a licence within 3 working days.

Your licence will have a 5% upward tolerance. However, the reduction in duty will only be valid for the quantities shown in sections 17 and 18 of your licence.

Import licences will be valid from the day of issue plus three months. Where an electronic licence is issued, an e-mail can be sent to inform you of its issuance. To receive this e-mail notification you must have already completed the 'E-mail Acknowledgements'.

Authority

You can find details of the arrangements in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No's, 1273/2011 and 1301/2006 published in Official Journals L325 of 2011 and L238 of 2006. You can obtain copies from Stationery Office bookshops and accredited agents, or order from the Stationery Office [website](#).

You can also access Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's [Europa](#) website. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the Europa website. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulations as published are definitive.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Import Licensing section as follows:-

- Our telephone helpline number – 03300 416 500
- E-mail contact – trader@rpa.gsi.gov.uk

This publication was withdrawn on 11 June 2020

ANNEX 1

Annual Quota and Sub-periods

1. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice under CN Code 1006 30 imported at zero duty as follows:-

Country of Origin	Order Number	Sub-periods (quantities in kilograms)			
		April	July	September	October
United States	09.4127	24,925,300	9,680,000	-	
Thailand	09.4128	10,559,862	5,364,000	-	
Australia	09.4129	1,019,000	-	-	
Other Origins	09.4130	1,805,000	-	-	
All Countries	09.4138				*(1)

***(1) Quota not allocated in the September sub-period will be carried over to October. Successful licence applications are valid from the date of issue until the end of the third month but not beyond 31 December.**

For this quota (CN Code 1006 30):-

- You must lodge security of €46 per tonne.
- Box 20 of your application must contain: -
'Order Number.....'
- Box 24 (comments box) of your application must contain:-
'Exemption from customs duty up to the quantity indicated in boxes 17 and 18 of this licence (Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1273/2011).
- Applications from Thailand, Australia and the United States must be accompanied by an original copy of an export licence, examples at Annexes II, III and IV of Regulation (EU) No 1273/2011.
- To clear your goods under the quantities from Other Countries you must present a certificate of origin to HM Revenue & Customs.
- Applications valid until the end of the third month following issue.

ANNEX 2

Checklist for your reference prior to submission of a rice quota import licence application

Presenting a correct application will assist us in the processing of your quota import licence.

Before submitting your application, check the following details are correct:-

- Is the quota order number correct for the commodity code and country, which you have applied for?
- Check the rate of security used is correct, i.e. €46, €30 or €5 per tonne.
- Does the security amount calculated cover the quantity applied for?
- Is it the correct description against the required commodity (CN) code?
- Has your proof of trade and a valid VAT certificate been supplied / submitted for the current quota year?
- Is the form signed and dated by an authorised individual?

If you are unsure of any details then the following will provide further information:-

- ET14 provides the list of descriptions
- Annex 1 of this NTT.
- Import Licencing section contact details are shown in the NTT.