



Notice to Traders 31/20

Quota for Cheeses for Export to Designated Importers in the United States of America (USA)

Introduction

Notice to Traders 26/20 advised that the UK Government is in negotiations with the USA and we would issue a further notice advising how these quotas would be managed. This notice tells you how the United Kingdom intends to manage the 2021 quota round. This will be an interim arrangement for the 2021 quota year. Information on a more permanent arrangement for the administration of US cheese quotas from 2022 onwards will be advised in due course

Applications

Applications under this quota were submitted between 1 and 10 September 2020. The application period closed at 12 noon (UK time) on 10 September 2020 and no further, or amended, applications may be accepted.

Next Steps

The United States (US) authorities have now notified Defra of the total quota quantities that have been made available to the UK to import during the 2021 quota year.

On request by the US authorities, the RPA will notify the names and addresses of the designated importers given in the quota applications received.

Allocations

Where the overall quantities applied for under a quota exceed the available quantities notified by the US authorities, the RPA will inform applicants and apply the allocation coefficient which has been calculated and can be found in Annex 1.

If the allocation coefficient results in licences for less than 10 tonnes per application, the corresponding quantities available will be awarded by drawing lots. Lots will be drawn for licences of 10 tonnes each for those applicants who would have been allocated less than 10 tonnes as a result of applying the allocation coefficient.

If applications do not exceed a particular quota the RPA may offer the remaining quantities to applicants in proportion to quantities applied for. In such cases you must tell us if you want to accept the extra quantities within 7 days of notification.

If your application is successful, we will issue your export licence by 15 December 2020 and it will be valid from 1 January until 31 December 2021.

Transfer of Rights

You cannot transfer the rights on your license.

Licence Obligations

Your licence will carry an obligation to export to the USA

Licence Security

Once the allocation of quota quantities has been determined, security amounts will be released in line with allocations. All security amounts will be released after 31 December 2020.

Enquiries

If you have any questions about this notice please:

- call the Trader Team on 03300 416 500 and select Option 2; or
- email us at trader@rpa.gov.uk

Annex 1 - Additional quotas of cheese for export to the USA under the designated importers scheme

| * Group number (1) | * Product group (2) | Quota identification (3) | Quantity available in 2021 (kg) (4) | Allocation coefficient (%) (5) |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 16 | Not specifically provided for (NSPF) | 16 - TOKYO | 73,165 | 9.295515 |
| | | 16 - URUGUAY | 277,403 | 5.324229 |
| 17 | Blue Mould | 17 - URUGUAY | 2,905 | 0.691667 |
| 18 | Cheddar | 18 - URUGUAY | 716,520 | 24.965854 |
| 20 | Edam/Gouda | 20 - URUGUAY | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | Italian Type | 21 - URUGUAY | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | Swiss or Emmenthaler cheese other than with eye formation | 22 - TOKYO | 0 | 0 |
| | | 22 - URUGUAY | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Swiss or Emmenthaler cheese with eye formation | 25-TOKYO | 0 | 0 |

*Identification of group in accordance with additional notes in chapter 4 of the harmonised tariff schedule of the USA