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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Modification of Total Amount of Tariff-Rate Quota for Imported Raw Cane Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice modifies the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) during fiscal year 1996 (FY 96). As modified, such aggregate quantity is 1,417,195 metric tons, raw value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 9, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to the Sugar Team Leader, Import Policy and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 5531, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Hammond (Sugar Team Leader); telephone: 202-720-1061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Paragraph (a)(i) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS provides that "the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheading 1701.11.10, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), not less than, 1,117,195 metric tons, as shall be established by the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary"), and the aggregate quantity of sugars, syrups and molasses entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10 and 2106.90.44, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), not less than 22,000 metric tons, as shall be established by

the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary")." On August 3, 1995, the Secretary established the aggregate quantity of 1,117,195 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS and the aggregate quantity of 22,000 metric tons (raw value basis) for certain sugars, syrups and molasses that may be entered under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the HTS during FY 96. (60 FR 42142)

Paragraph (a)(i) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS provides that "[w]henver the Secretary believes that domestic supplies of sugars may be inadequate to meet domestic demand at reasonable prices, the Secretary may modify any quantitative limitations which have previously been established * * *." The U.S. sugar production forecast for FY '96 released on November 9, 1995 in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) was reduced by 80,000 short tons raw value (STRV) to 7.6 million STRV from the WASDE production forecast released on July 12, 1995. During this period, the U.S. FY '96 forecast of beginning stocks for sugar was reduced to nearly 1.2 million STRV, a decline of 90,000 STRV from the earlier forecast. The domestic wholesale refined sugar prices in the midwest market have been increasing since the tariff-rate quota amount was announced by the Secretary. During the last week of July 1995 the refined sugar price was 24.50 cents per pound. The refined sugar price during the first week of November 1995 was 26.50 cents per pound, which represents a 2 cent per pound increase.

Paragraph (b)(i) of U.S. additional note 5 provides that "the quota amounts established [by the Secretary] may be allocated among supplying countries and areas by the United States Trade Representative."

Notice

Notice is hereby given that I have determined, in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS, that an aggregate quantity of up to 1,417,195 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar described in subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for

consumption during the period from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996.

This modified quota amount will be allocated among supplying countries and areas by the United States Trade Representative.

Signed at Washington, DC on November 28, 1995.

Daniel Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of letter of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that a letter of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities was issued on November 27, 1995 to the Murphy Exploration & Production Company, 131 South Robertson St., P.O. Box 61780, New Orleans, LA 70161.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The letter of authorization is effective from November 27, 1995 until November 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and letter are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055 or Charles Oravetz, Southeast Region (813) 570-5312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: