

most recent 3 months for which data are available—October 1995 through December 1995. The special cotton import quota identifies a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations. The quota does not apply to Extra Long Staple cotton.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1444-2 (a) and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 8, 1996.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary.

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### Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 7

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A special import quota for upland cotton equal to 42,168,963 kilograms (92,966,725 pounds) is established in accordance with section 103B(a)(5)(F) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (the 1949 Act), under Presidential Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991. The quota is referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 7, effective March 6, 1996, and is set forth in subheading 9903.52.07, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

**DATES:** The quota was established on March 6, 1996, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than June 3, 1996 (90 days from the date the quota was established), and entered into the United States not later than September 1, 1996 (180 days from the date the quota was established).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janise Zygmunt, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, room 3756-S, Ag Code 0515, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call (202) 720-8841.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1949 Act requires that a special cotton import quota be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 10-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S. growth, as quoted for Middling 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>32</sub> inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe (U.S. Northern Europe

price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 1.25 cents per pound. This condition was met during the consecutive 10-week period that ended February 29, 1996. Therefore, a quota referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 7, effective March 6, 1996, is hereby established.

The HTS provides for only twenty special cotton import quota subheadings. Each subheading corresponds to a Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement specifying that a particular amount of upland cotton may be imported during a particular 180-day period. Because twenty special cotton import quotas have already been announced, the existing subheading numbers and Secretary's announcement designations are being repeated for new quotas that may be announced; however, the new quota amounts and effective dates will be different.

The quota amount, 42,168,963 kilograms (92,966,725 pounds), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—November 1995 through January 1996. The special cotton import quota identifies a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations. The quota does not apply to Extra Long Staple cotton.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1444-2 (a) and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

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### Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 8

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A special import quota for upland cotton equal to 42,168,963 kilograms (92,966,725 pounds) is established in accordance with section 103B(a)(5)(F) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (the 1949 Act), under

Presidential Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991. The quota is referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 8, effective March 13, 1996, and is set forth in subheading 9903.52.08, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

**DATES:** The quota was established on March 13, 1996, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than June 10, 1996 (90 days from the date the quota was established), and entered into the United States not later than September 8, 1996 (180 days from the date the quota was established).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1949 Act requires that a special cotton import quota be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 10-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S. growth, as quoted for Middling 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>32</sub> inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe (U.S. Northern Europe price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 1.25 cents per pound. This condition was met during the consecutive 10-week period that ended March 7, 1996. Therefore, a quota referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 8, effective March 13, 1996, is hereby established.

The HTS provides for only twenty special cotton import quota subheadings. Each subheading corresponds to a Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement specifying that a particular amount of upland cotton may be imported during a particular 180-day period. Because twenty special cotton import quotas have already been announced, the existing subheading numbers and Secretary's announcement designations are being repeated for new quotas that may be announced; however, the new quota amounts and effective dates will be different.

The quota amount, 42,168,963 kilograms (92,966,725 pounds), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—November 1995 through January 1996. The special cotton import