

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 1³/₃₂ 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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Dan Glickman,

Secretary.

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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).

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 1³/₃₂ 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

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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Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to The Fanning Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, an exclusive license for U.S. Patent No. 5,380,894 (Serial No. 07/662,606), issued January 10, 1995, entitled "Production of Hydroxy Fatty Acids and Estolide Intermediates," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/382,554, filed February 2, 1995, entitled "Process for Converting Unsaturated Fatty Acids into Estolides." Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/662,606 was published in the Federal Register on July 3, 1991, and Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/382,554 was published in the Federal Register on December 14, 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Baltimore Boulevard, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as The Fanning Corporation has submitted a complete and sufficient

application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

R.M. Parry, Jr.,
Assistant Administrator.

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Farm Service Agency

Farm Service Agency County Committees; Farm Credit Programs Loan Eligibility Determinations

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is announcing that its county and area committees will review all Farm Credit Programs direct and guaranteed loan applications and certain servicing requests for eligibility in accordance with applicable FSA regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Ropp, FSA, Senior Loan Officer, Direct Loan Making Branch, USDA, AG Box Code 0522, Room 5428-South, 14th and Independence SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: 202-690-4017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 226 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-354) (the Act) transferred the farmer programs loan functions of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and all the functions of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) to what is now the FSA. In addition, section 227 of the Act abolished the former FmHA county committees by removing section 332 and part of § 333 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1982 and 1983). Section 227 of the Act also amended section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) concerning State, county and area committees. In part, the amendment requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a county or area committee in each county or area in which activities are carried out under section 227 of the Act. The Secretary must use the services of such committees in carrying out programs

under section 227, the agriculture credit programs under the CONACT, and in considering administrative appeals. The Secretary may also use the services of such committees in carrying out programs under other authorities administered by the Secretary.

Under this authority, FSA will use FSA county or area committees to make the eligibility determinations related to Farm Credit Programs direct and guaranteed loan making and servicing that were made by FmHA county committees prior to passage of the Act. No changes are made to the substantive rights or duties of borrowers, applicants, or lenders. The following FSA regulations discuss the new role of the FSA county and area committees:

7 CFR part 1900, subpart D, § 1900.155(b) (processing loan assistance to employees, relatives and associates).

7 CFR part 1910, subpart A, §§ 1910.4 (processing applications) and 1910.6(a) and (b) (notification of applicant).

7 CFR part 1924, subpart B, § 1924.74(b) (borrower training).

7 CFR part 1941, subpart A, §§ 1941.15(e), (h), and (k) (special beginning farmer OL loan assistance), 1941.30 (county committee certification), and 1941.33 (b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1943, subpart A, §§ 1943.30 (county committee certification) and 1943.33(b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1943, subpart B, §§ 1943.80 (county committee certification) and 1943.83 (b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1945, subpart D, §§ 1945.180 (county committee certification) and 1945.183(b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1951, subpart F, §§ 1951.254(d) and 1951.261(b)(2), (e)(4), (e)(7), and (g)(4) (graduation).

7 CFR part 1951, subpart J, § 1951.463(e) (county committee actions on Farmer 7 CFR part 1951, subpart S, §§ 1951.903(b) (recommendation for debt settlement), 1951.909(a)(3) (borrower training), 1951.911(a) (leaseback/buyback), and 1951.914 (recapture under Shared Appreciation Agreement).

7 CFR part 1955, subpart A, § 1955.10(f)(2) (release from liability).

7 CFR part 1955, subpart B, §§ 1955.53 ("Suitable property"), 1955.63 (suitability determination), and 1955.66(h)(4) (lease of farm property).

7 CFR part 1955, subpart C, §§ 1955.103 ("Suitable property"), 1955.107(d) and (f) (sale of suitable property), 1955.108 introduction (sale of