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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 9

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 136(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 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 9, effective April 29, 1996, and is set forth in subheading 9903.52.09, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).
DATES: The quota was established on April 29, 1996, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than July 27, 1996 (90 days from the date the quota was established), and entered into the United States not later than October 25, 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, PO Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call (202) 720-8841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1996 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 14, 1996. Therefore, a quota referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 9, effective April 29, 1996, is hereby established.

Because there are only twenty subheadings available for designating upland cotton special import quotas in subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTS, only twenty such quotas can be in effect at one time. 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. The twenty-first consecutive quota cannot be established until the earliest of the existing twenty quotas ends. Therefore, the special import quota described in this notice opened on April 29, 1996—the day after the quota 9 in existence at the time of the announcement ended.

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: Sec. 136, P.L. 104-127 and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1996.

Dan Glickman,
Secretary.

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Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 14

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A special import quota for upland cotton equal to 41,858,494 kilograms (92,282,258 pounds) is established in accordance with section 136(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 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 14, effective June 3, 1996, and is set forth in subheading 9903.52.14, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).
DATES: The quota was established on June 3, 1996, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than August 31, 1996 (90 days from the date the quota was established), and entered into the United States not later than November 29, 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, PO Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call (202) 720-8841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1996 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 April 18, 1996. Therefore, a quota referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 14, effective June 3, 1996, is hereby established.

Because there are only twenty subheadings available for designating upland cotton special import quotas in subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTS, only twenty such quotas can be in effect at one time. 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. The twenty-first consecutive