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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Public Availability of FY 2020 Service Contract Inventory

AGENCY: Office of Contracting and Procurement, Departmental Administration, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of public availability FY 2020 Service Contract Inventories.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, the Department of Agriculture is publishing this notice to advise the public of access to the FY 2019 Service Contract Inventory. This inventory provides information on FY 2020 Service Contract actions with a dollar value over \$25,000. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory was developed in accordance with guidance issued on September 7, 2018, by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). The Department of Agriculture has posted its inventory at the Office of Contracting and Procurement homepage. The 2020 inventory is accessible at the following link: Service Contract Inventories | USDA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Curt Brown, Office of Contracting & Procurement, at (202) 309-0929, or Curt.Brown@usda.gov with questions, comments, or additional information request.

Signed in Washington, DC.

Tiffany Taylor,

Director, Office of Contracting & Procurement.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) Inviting Input on the Sugar Re-Export Programs

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is requesting public comments from interested parties on administration of the Sugar Re-Export Programs, which include the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, the Sugar Containing Products Re-Export Program, and the Polyhydric Alcohol Program. This request for information (RFI) seeks voluntary comment from interested stakeholders and members of the public on these re-export programs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 7, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: USDA invites submission of comments through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* FAS will accept electronic comments emailed to FAS.Sugars@usda.gov. The email should contain the subject line, "Response to RFI: Inviting Input on the Sugar Re-Export Programs".

Instructions: Response to this RFI is voluntary. All comments submitted in response to this RFI will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. USDA will make the comments publicly available via <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Janis, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, telephone 202-720-2194, email FAS.Sugars@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sugar Re-Export Programs

Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 6 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), FAS administers and manages three inter-related programs in the sugar market: the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, the Sugar Containing Products Re-Export Program, and the Polyhydric Alcohol Program (collectively "Sugar Re-Export Programs") (7 CFR part 1530). FAS issues licenses to qualified sugar refiners, manufacturers of sugar-containing products (SCP), and producers of polyhydric alcohol not for human consumption that apply for these programs.

Under the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, USDA issues licenses to sugar refiners to import low-duty raw sugar unrestricted by the raw sugar TRQ provided for in Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(i) in chapter 17 of the HTSUS and exempt from the requirement that imports be accompanied by a Certificate for Quota Eligibility (CQE) issued to the foreign exporter in accordance with 15 CFR part 2011. An equivalent quantity of domestically produced refined sugar must either be exported by the licensee or provided by the licensee to licensed U.S. manufacturers for use in exported SCP or licensed producers for use in polyhydric alcohol for non-food purposes.

Under the Sugar-Containing Products Re-Export Program, USDA issues licenses to U.S. manufacturers of SCP to purchase refined sugar from refiners with refined sugar re-export licenses for use in SCP to be exported to the world market.

Under the Polyhydric Alcohol Program, USDA issues licenses to U.S. producers of polyhydric alcohols to purchase refined sugar from refiners with refined sugar re-export licenses for use in the production of polyhydric alcohols, except polyhydric alcohols used as a substitute for sugar in human food consumption.

By statute, "for purposes of Additional U.S. Note 6 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and the reexport programs and polyhydric alcohol program administered by the Secretary, all refined sugars (whether derived from sugar beets or sugarcane) produced by cane sugar refineries and beet sugar processors shall be fully substitutable