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SECOFI Announces Auction of Permits to Import

6,983 MT of U.S. Pig Fat and Oils

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Report Highlights:

On July 8, 1999, Mexico will auction off permits (cupos) to import 6,983 MT of U.S. pig fat and oils under the NAFTA tariff rate quotas.

Includes PSD changes: No
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On July 8, 1999, 09:00 a.m., Mexico's Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development (SECOFI) will auction off permits (*cupos*) to import up to 6,983 MT of U.S. pig fat and oils (except product not for human consumption) as established under the NAFTA tariff rate quotas (TRQ). SECOFI's Directorate of Foreign Trade Services (DGSCE) will conduct the auction, which it lists as auction number 023/99.

SECOFI announced this auction in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on June 8, 1999.

The details of the auction are as follows:

| H.S. Number and Product | Total Quantity for Auction | Maximum Quantity per Bidder |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0209.00.99 Pig fat, not rendered (except product not for human consumption), others. | 6,983 MT | 1,600 MT |
| 1501.00.01 Pig fat, (including lard) and poultry fat, other than that of heading 02.09. or 15.03 | | |
| 1516.10.01 Animal fats and oils and their fractions. | | |

The documents required to participate in this tender can be obtained by interested parties as of June 15, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 14:00 p.m. at the following address as well as at the SECOFI state offices throughout Mexico.

"Ventanilla de Cupos TLC"
 Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial
 Insurgentes Sur 1940
 Planta Baja
 Colonia Florida
 Delegacion Alvaro Obregon
 01030, Mexico, D.F.

FAS/Mexico Note: This is NOT an invitation for bids to purchase pig fat and oils. Rather, it is an auction of the right to import the listed products under the NAFTA tariff rate quotas. Thus, the auction is limited to Mexican companies within the industry who use pig fat and oils in their production process. That fact notwithstanding, it impacts U.S. pig fat and oil exporters in that those Mexican importers who are granted the *cupos* will be looking for product to fill the permit shortly after the auction, if not earlier.

Internet Connections

FAS Mexico Web Site: We are available at <http://www.atomexico.gob.mx> or visit our headquarter's home page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov> for a complete selection of FAS' worldwide agricultural reporting.

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGAR) can be found at www.sagar.gob.mx and Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Commerce (SECOFI) can be found at www.secofi.gob.mx These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any

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