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Mexico Announces Auction of Import Permits for Dry Edible Beans 2000

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Report Highlights:

On August 24, Mexico published the awaited announcement that it will finally conduct the auction of import permits for U.S. dry edible beans (HS 0713.33.99). The auction will be conducted on August 29 at PROFECO building (Consumer Federal Procurement Office), which is a SECOFI agency. It will conduct an auction of permits to import 39,802 MT of U.S. dry edible beans. The stated quantity represents the second and final two-thirds of the total NAFTA tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for CY 2000.

Finally, on August 24, 2000, the Mexican government published in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) the Secretariat of Commerce and Industry's (SECOFI) announcement that on August 29 it will conduct an auction of NAFTA TRQ import permits for 39,802 MT of U.S. dry edible beans. This auction did not take place on August 14, 2000, as scheduled (see MX 0124), because Mexican sugarcane producers occupied SECOFI's building where the auction was to be held. As a result, the location for the new auction will be outside the SECOFI main building to avoid any possible problems.

The announcement indicates that participation in the auction is limited to persons and companies that obtained qualifying certification issued by SECOFI. In case the legal representative listed on the certificate cannot attend the auction, he or she has to request SECOFI to allow another legal representative to participate in the auction.

Following are the auction details as contained in the Diario Oficial announcement:

Auction Number	Auction Date/ Time	Location
39/2000	August 29, 2000 10:30 a.m.	Jose Vasconcelos #208 P.B. (Auditorium) Colonia Condesa C.P. 06140, Delegacion Cuauhtemoc Mexico, D.F.

Bids will be accepted starting 1 ½ hours before auction time. The auction itself will be conducted at the date and time indicated above in the Auditorium of the above address.