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Report Highlights:

Russian Government Resolution #558 dated September 6, 2003 "On Additional Measures for the Distribution of the Poultry Import Quota" provides direction to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade regarding the distribution of the currently unused 105,000 metric tons under the 2003 poultry quota. While the total allocation per country will not change in 2003, the list of importers will be adjusted in an attempt to ensure quota fill.

Includes PSD Changes: No

Includes Trade Matrix: No

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Begin Text of Resolution**Resolution #558 dated September 6, 2003, “On Additional Measures for Distribution of Import Poultry Meat Quota in 2003.”**

In order to ensure full volume usage of the import quota for poultry meat in 2003, set by paragraph 1 of Regulation # 48 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated January 23, 2003, “ On Protective Measures for Russian Poultry Industry” (Publication of Regulation of the Russian Federation, 2003, #5, article 487; # 25, article 2531), the Government of the Russian Federation enacts:

1. If the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation introduces a ban on poultry meat imports from any country, an entity that has a permit to import poultry meat from this country-supplier has the right to exchange it for an import permit for poultry meat from any other country (or group of countries) for the same quantity and the same category, regardless of the total quota volume approved for the country (or group of countries).
2. The State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation is to provide the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation within three days the list of entities that have imported poultry meat within the period of January 1, 2003 until April 29, 2003 to the customs territory of the Russian Federation for free sale, indicating the volume of imported poultry meat for each country or supplier.
3. The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation is to start, beginning September 19, 2003, to issue import permits for the unused portion of quota as at July 29, 2003, with distribution according to the attachment, based on applications received from importers that had received import permits for poultry meat imports prior to July 29, 2003 and also importers that had imported poultry meat in the period from January 1, 2003 until April 29, 2003, in proportion of poultry meat volume.
4. The Regulation comes into force on the day of its official publication.

Chairman of the Government of the RF
M. Kasy'anov

End Text

Attachment to
Resolution # 558 of the Government of the RF dated September 6, 2003

Distribution of unused portion of import quota for poultry meat in 2003 between the exporting countries

Country (union of countries)	Volume of import quota (metric tons)	
	Poultry meat (HSC 0207)	Including MDM (HSC 0207 14100 0 0207 27 100 0)
USA	65,537.550	26,376.0250
European Union	33,562.323	6,258.70
Brazil	---	---
China	874.860	170.489
Other countries	4,658.768	1,327.266
Total Volume Re-distributed *	104,633.501	34,132.48

Source: Rossiyskaya Gazeta, September 9, 2003

* Row added by Post.

Comment:

According to Resolution #558, importers did not utilize the entire share of possible import volumes from the United States, European Union, and China. Additionally, some “other country” quota volumes are also still outstanding. This resolution re-opens the unused quota volume within each country allocation for distribution from importers that were granted permits but did not use them to other companies. This does not mean that the allocation changes for any country. For example, 33,562 metric tons of unclaimed EU quotas will be redistributed to companies that have already used their original quota and want more and among companies active during Q1 2003. The requirement that these importers must source the 33,562 MT of poultry from the European Union.