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2006 Export Quotas of Agricultural Products by Foreign-invested Firms

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Report Highlights:

On March 14, China's Ministry of Commerce published on its web site 2006 export quotas of agricultural products for foreign-invested firms. Domestic companies also have access to the export quotas. This trade regime has existed for a number of years and is aimed at managing export volume of commodities and ensuring the safety of animals being exported to Hong Kong and Macau. FAS Beijing does not know whether these quota levels are sufficient to cover export volumes. It appears China is publishing this information in an effort to improve the transparency of its regulatory process.

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Executive summary

The Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), for the first time, announced 2006 export quotas of agricultural products for foreign-invested companies. Commodities covered by this announcement include lumber and live animals. According to MOFCOM, this "trade management" tool has been used for many years.

The purposes of setting export quotas for a number of agricultural commodities are to control the export volume of certain resource-based products and to ensure the safety of animals being exported to Hong Kong and Macau. Both domestic and foreign-invested companies are eligible to apply for the quotas. MOFCOM allocates the export quotas to foreign-invested firms, while provincial commerce departments allocate the quotas to domestic companies. Quota quantities and recipients have not changed considerably over the years.

Export meat products do not require export quotas. Information about domestic quota recipients and quantities is not available. A limited amount of rice and corn is also subject to export quotas, according to MOFCOM.

The HS codes for the commodities covered by this announcement are listed below:

Wood products

4406100000, 4407101090, 4407102090, 4407103090, 4407104090, 4407109091,
4407109099, 4407240090, 4407250090, 4407260090, 4407291090, 4407299091,
4407299099, 4407910090, 4407920090, 4407991090, 4407999091, 4407999099

Live pigs

0103920010, 0103920090, 0103912010, 0103912090, 0103911010, 0103911090

Live chickens

0105929000, 0105939000, 0105999300, 0105921000, 0105931000

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MOFCOM Announcement on 2006 Export Quotas of Agricultural Products by Foreign-Invested Enterprises

Date of issuance: February 8, 2006

All provincial, autonomous regional and municipal commerce departments:

In accordance with the regulations on quota and licensing administration for foreign-invested enterprises, the 2006 export quotas of agricultural products for foreign-invested enterprises are issued to your departments. The quotas are also issued through an online management system on import and export by foreign-invested enterprises. Please notify the relevant enterprises to apply for export permits in line with the stipulations of this announcement.

Please implement the issuance of export quotas to foreign-invested enterprises under your jurisdiction and provide feedback on the development to the Ministry (Department of Foreign Investment). For applicants who require additional or reduced amount of quotas, or those who need re-assessment of their export scope, a preliminary review should be reported to the Ministry.

Appendix: 2006 export quotas of agricultural products for foreign-invested enterprises under quota and licensing administration

Ministry of Commerce

Appendix: 2006 export quotas for foreign-invested enterprise on agricultural products under quota and licensing administration

Product: lumber

Unit: cubic meter

Province/municipality	Enterprise	Quantity	Note
Shanghai	Shanghai Qinghe Wood Co. Ltd	2,400	Processing for re-export
	Shanghai Honghong Wood Co. Ltd	1,500	Processing for re-export
Sichuan	Sichuan Gongyi Wood Co. Ltd	500	General trade
	Sichuan Xinqi Wood Co. Ltd	1,500	
Jiangsu	Weisheng Wood (Jiangsu) Co. Ltd	4,000	Processing for re-export
	Lianyugang Xinhong Wood Co. Ltd	3,000	Processing trade
Ningbo	Ningbo Dafeng Timber Co. Ltd	500	Processing of imported materials
Shandong	Dezhou Senyang Industrial Co. Ltd	1,000	Processing of imported materials
Tianjin	Zhengyang Wood Co. Ltd	3,500	Processing for re-export
	Jiatong Wood Co. Ltd	5,500	Processing for re-export
	Jiancheng Wood Co. Ltd	3,000	Processing for re-export
	Fuxing Wood Co. Ltd	1,000	Processing for re-export
Inner Mongolia	Manzhouli Lianfa Industrial Co. Ltd	30,000	Processing trade
Xiamen	Xiamen Lijian Wood Product Co. Ltd	100	General trade
Yunnan	Ruili Banda Wood Co. Ltd	2,000	Processing trade
Total		59,500	

Note: General trade quotas for enterprises in Sichuan and Xiamen will be deducted from the total quotas prescribed in (Shangmaohan108 (2005))

Product: Live pig

Unit: head

Province/municipality	Enterprise	Quantity	Of which: Hong Kong
Hubei	Wuhan Huamei Feed Co. Ltd	3,525	3,525
Total		3,525	3,525

Product: Live chicken

Unit: million head

Province/municipality	Enterprise	Quantity	Of which: Hong Hong
Guangdong	Guangdong Lufeng Overseas Chinese Chicken Farm	30	30
Shenzhen	Wufeng Food (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd	10.62	10.62
Total		40.62	40.62