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Auction of Permits to Import Pork Fat and Oils Set

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Report Highlights:

On April 30, 2001, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy will conduct an auction for permits (cupos) to the Mexican private sector to import 5,507 MT of U.S. edible pork fat and oils under the NAFTA tariff rate quotas.

On March 29, 2001, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) the auction of year 2001 import permits (cupos) for the period May 1, to July 15, 2001 for U.S. pig fat and oils (except product not for human consumption) as established under the NAFTA tariff rate quotas (TRQ). The auction, number 030/2001, will be conducted by SE's Directorate of Foreign Trade Services (DGSCE) on April 30, 2001, at 12:30 p.m. in Mexico City.

The details of the auction are as follows:

H.S. Number and Product	Total Auction Quantity	Maximum quantity per importer
0209.00.99 Pig fat, not rendered (except product not for human consumption). Others.	5,507 M T	900 M T
1501.00.01 Lard, other pig fat and poultry fat, except those from fractions 02.09 or 15.03		
1516.10.01 Note: except from poultry, animal fats and oils and their fractions.		

The documents required to participate may be picked up by interested parties beginning April 9, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the following address as well as in the SE's State Offices throughout Mexico:

"Ventanilla de Cupos TLC" Secretaria de Economia Insurgentes Sur 1940, Planta Baja Colonia Florida, Delegacion Alvaro Obregon C.P. 01030, Mexico, D.F.

FAS/Mexico Note: This is NOT an invitation for bids to purchase the mentioned product. Rather, it is an auction for the right to import the listed products duty free. Thus, the auction is limited to Mexican companies within the food industry who use the listed products in their production process. That fact notwithstanding, this auction may impact U.S. exporters because those Mexican importers who are granted the *cupos* will be looking for product to fill the permit shortly after the auction, if not earlier.

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Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA)

can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx and Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Commerce (SOE) can be found at www.secofi.gob.mx These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained on the mentioned sites.