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CY2000 SBS Quota Allocation

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Report Highlights: For CY 2000, Korea's beef quota is 225,000 MT, sub-allocated as follow: 157,500 MT for Simultaneous Buy-Sell system participants and 67,500 MT for the Livestock Products Marketing Organization. To date, the government has allocated or auctioned half of the 157,500 MT and one third of the 67,500 MT quota sub-shares. This year, the government set up an auction program to allocate its share of the quota. An ambitious government plan call for the full 225,000 MT quota to be disbursed by midyear.

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Korea's CY2000 beef import quota is 225,000 MT, allocated as follows: 157,500 MT for participants in the Simultaneous Buy-Sell system (SBS) and 67,500 MT for the Livestock Products Marketing Organization (LPMO). LPMO administers the SBS allocation program for the Korean government.

LPMO has allocated up to 72,100 MT to SBS participants. LPMO has opted this year to notify SBS participants individually with information regarding their respective quota allocation, rather than via a public announcement. LPMO states it plans to allocate the balance of the SBS quota, 85,400 MT, sometime during the first half of CY2000. LPMO expects two to three organizations to apply to join the SBS system during the current open season (until March 31, 2000). Note: Korea's WTO agreement calls for the abolition of the SBS system and beef quota as of January 1, 2001.

LPMO intends to auction off its share of the quota - 67,500 MT. A certain quantity will be reserved to purchase beef for Korean military use. To date, LPMO has auctioned 20,000 MT and plans to auction an additional 25,304 MT on March 31, 2000. It plans to auction the balance of its quota, 22,196 MT, less an undefined amount for the military, sometime during the first half of CY2000.

The quota allocation by SBS participant and LPMO follows:

Organization Subject to Recommendation	Quantity	Remarks
Livestock Products Marketing Organization	67,500 MT	Boneless basis
National Livestock Cooperatives Federation	6,980 MT	"
Korea Cold Storage Corporation	11,570 MT	"
Korea Meat Industry Association	13,430 MT	"
Korea Restaurant Supply Center	2,840 MT	"
Korea Super-Chainstores Association	6,190 MT	"
Korea Federation of Meat Purveyors	7,060 MT	"
Livestock Cooperatives Trading & Marketing	8,420 MT	"
Korea Tourist Supply Center	4,870 MT	"
Korea Meat Packers Association	5,890 MT	"
Woojoo Industry Co., Ltd.	1,760 MT	"
Korea Imported Meat Distributor's Assoc.	1,890 MT	"
Korea Meat Processing Industry Cooperatives	1,200 MT	"

Source: Trade Sources