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Report Highlights:

Indian government has recently notified the procedure for allocation of TRQs (01/22/02), but requires imports to be completed by the end of India's fiscal year (03/31/02).

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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GOI Notifies TRQ Import Procedures

India's Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) recently notified procedures for allocation of various agricultural products covered under Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQ), such as corn, milk powder, and sunflower/safflower/rapeseed oils. Designated entities for allocation of TRQs are:

Commodity	Eligible Entities
Milk powder Tariff Code #: 0402.10 or 0402.21	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) State Trading Corporation of India (STC) National Cooperative Dairy Federation (NCDF) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) Projects & Equipments Corporation of India (PEC) Confectionary manufacturers and dairies (subject to actual user condition)
Corn Tariff Code #: 1005.90	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) State Trading Corporation of India (STC) Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) Projects & Equipment Corporation of India (PEC) State Cooperative Marketing Federations Starch manufacturers and cattle and poultry feed manufacturers (subject to actual user condition)
Crude sunflower seed oil, safflower oil, and fractions thereof Tariff Code #: 1512.11	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) State Trading Corporation of India (STC) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED)
Refined rape, colza or mustard oil, other Tariff Code #: 1514.90	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) State Trading Corporation of India (STC) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED)

Note: Imports of all the above products by government entities (STC, MMTC, NAFED, PEC, NCDF, etc.) are required to be on behalf of actual users.

According to the notification, all eligible entities interested in availing of the TRQ for Indian fiscal year 2001/02 (Apr-Mar) are to apply to the Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) in the

DGFT's office by February 11, 2002, with imports to be completed before March 31, 2002. Allocation of TRQs among the applicants is to be made by the EFC in a meeting chaired by the Director General of Foreign Trade, and including representatives of the Department of Revenue (Ministry of Finance), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and Edible Oil Commissioner. Failure to complete the imports on time would make the entity ineligible for allocation of any quota for any item for the next two years.

The official notification and application form can be accessed from the website:

<http://dgftcom.nic.in/exim/2000/pn/pn01/pn6201.htm>

Comment: The late notification of the TRQ import procedure, and the requirement that imports occur by the end of this fiscal year (March 31, 2002), makes import of these commodities under the TRQ virtually impossible.