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NOTICE 1366 OF 1995 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MINIMUM MARKET ACCESS: PROCEDURE FOR THE APPLICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND ALLOCATION OF PERMITS

In order to fulfil South Africa's commitment regarding minimum market access in the World Trade Organisation under the Marrakech Agreement, South Africa has to provide the opportunity for the importation into the Republic of South Africa of the access quantities for certain agricultural products as specified in the table below. This will be achieved through issuing rebate permits which will enable imports to take place at the applicable lower tariff level than the normal customs duty on a MFN basis.

When applications for import permits are submitted the following details must be provided:

- (i) Name and address of firm or individual.
- (ii) Tariff heading and product.
- (iii) Quantity.
- (iv) Purpose of importation.
- (v) Country of origin.
- (vi) Telephone and fax number.

The applications must be addressed to the Director-General: Agriculture, Private Bag X250, PRETORIA, 0001, attention: Mrs L. Botha, Assistant Director: Marketing Administration.

The Department awaits applications for rebate permits as follows:

- (a) For permits issued on a **quarterly basis**, applications must be submitted as follows:

18 December 1995–15 January 1996—for one quarter of the quota—valid for importation during the period January to April 1996.

1–31 March 1996—for one quarter of the quota—valid for importation during the period April to July 1996.

1–30 June 1996—for one quarter of the quota—valid for importation during the period July to October 1996.

1–30 September 1996—for one quarter of the quota—valid for importation during the period October to January 1997.

- (b) For permits issued on an **annual basis** applications must be submitted by 31 January 1996.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: AGRICULTURE.

Tariff Heading	Description	Indicative duty = 20% of bound rate **	Quota Tonnes	Import arrangement applicable
02.01	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled:		26 254	Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis in full container loads. Preference will be given to processors of meat. Permits will be issued on a quarterly basis. 17 380t are reserved for supplies from Botswana and Namibia and 8 874t from other traditional supplying countries. Permits will be valid for four months.
02.01.10	carcasses and half carcasses	13,8%		
02.01.20	other cuts with bone in	13,8%		
02.01.30	boneless	32%		
02.02	Meat of bovine animals frozen:			
02.02.10	carcasses and half carcasses	13,8%		
02.02.20	other cuts with bone in	13,8%		
02.02.30	boneless	32%		
02.04	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen:		3 601	Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis in full containers loads. Preference will be given to processors of meat. Permits will be issued on a quarterly basis. 2 659t are reserved for imports from Botswana and Namibia and 942t from other traditional supplying countries. Permits will be valid for four months.
02.04.10	carcasses and half carcasses of lamb, fresh or chilled	19%		
02.04.2	other meat of sheep, fresh or chilled:			
02.04.21	carcasses and half carcasses	19%		
02.04.22	other cuts with bone in	13,2%		
02.04.23	boneless	13,2%		
02.04.30	carcasses and half carcasses of lamb, frozen	19%		
02.04.4	other meat of sheep frozen:			
02.04.41	carcasses and half carcasses	19%		
02.04.42	other cuts with bone in	13,2%		
02.04.43	boneless	13,2%		
02.04.50	meat of goats	16,4%		
04.01	Milk and cream, fresh	19,2%	32 194	Permits will be issued quarterly on a <i>pro-rata</i> basis to historical importers in 1992, 1993 and 1994. Permits will be valid for four months.
04.02	Powder milk	19,2%	4 470	Permits will be issued quarterly on a <i>pro-rata</i> basis to importers in 1992, 1993 and 1994. This means that 85% of the quota will be set aside for traditional manufacturers of milk powder, 10% for persons who use milk powder in the manufacturing of dairy products and 5% for new entrants. Permits will be valid for four months.
04.05	Butter	15,8%	1 167	Permits will be issued quarterly on a <i>pro-rata</i> basis to importers in 1992, 1993 and 1994. This means that 85% of the quota will be set aside for traditional manufacturers of butter, 10% for persons who use butter in the manufacturing of dairy products and 5% for new entrants. Permits will be valid for four months.
04.06	Cheese, excluding sweetmilk and cheddar	19%	1 577	5% of the quota is reserved for new entrants. 95% of the quota will be issued to historical importers based on imports during 1992, 1993 and 1994. Permits will be issued on a quarterly basis and will be valid for four months.
04.08	Eggs	3,8%	5 400	Permits will be allocated and issued on a quarterly basis in the ratio 97:2:9:0,1 for shell eggs, liquid eggs and powdered eggs. Bona fide egg producers will be eligible for shell eggs, while historical importers, wholesalers, processors and distributors will be eligible for liquid/frozen and powdered egg products. Permits will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Permits will be valid for four months.

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07.08	Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled		263	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of applicants. Permits will be allocated on a first- come-first served basis in full container loads and will be valid for a year.
0708.10	peas	6,6%		
07.10	Vegetables, frozen:		583	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of applicants. Permits will be allocated on a first- come-first-served basis in full container loads and will be valid for a year.
0710.10	potatoes	9,8%		
0710.21	peas	6,6%		
0710.22	beans	5,0%		
0710.29	other	4,8%		
0710.30	spinach, New Zealand spinach & orache spinach	7,4%		
0710.40	sweet corn	7,4%		
0710.80	other vegetables	7,4%		
0710.90	mixtures of vegetables	7,4%		
07.12	Dried vegetables:		860	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of applicants. Permits will be allocated on a first- come-first-served basis in full container loads and will be valid for a year.
0712.10	potatoes	9,8%		
0712.20	onions	7,4%		
0712.30	mushrooms and truffles	7,4%		
0712.90	other vegetables, mixtures of vegetables	7,4%		
07.13	Dried leguminous vegetables		5 184*	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of applicants. Permits will be allocated quarterly on a first-come-first-served basis in full container loads and will be valid for four months. * Quota valid for 0713.20 and 0713.90
0713.20	chick peas	6,6%	11 063	
0713.20	beans	4,8%		
0713.90	other	4,8%		
08.06.20	Grapes, dried	4,6%	238	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of applicants. Permits will be issued on first-come- first-served basis in full container loads. 100 tons of the quota will be reserved for imports of cur- rants. The remaining quota will be allocated to other dried grapes. Permits will be valid for a cal- endar year.
08.13	Fruit, dried etc.:		259	Permits will be issued on a first-come-first served basis in full container loads. Permits for apricots will be issued in quantities of 2 container loads. Permits will be valid for year.
0813.10	apricots	14%		
0813.20	prunes	6,6%		
0813.30	apples	6%		
0813.40	other fruit	10,08%		
0813.50	mixtures of nuts and dried fruits	8,8%		
10.08	Buckwheat, millet, canary seed, other cereal	8,6%	145	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of ap- plicants. Permits will be issued on a first-come- first-served basis in full container loads. Permits will be valid for a year.
19.01	Malt extracts etc:		6 119	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of ap- plicants. permits will be issued quarterly on a first-come-first-served basis in full container loads. Permits will be valid for four months.
1901.10	preparations for infant use	19,2%		
1901.20	mixes & doughs for the prepara- tion of baker's wares of heading no. 1905			
1901.20.10	cake mixtures, excluding gluten free	19,8%		
1901.20.20	bread & cake mixtures, gluten free	7,4%		
1901.20.90	other	19,8%		
1901.90	other	19,8%		
19.02	Pasta	10,8%	1 749	Permits will be issued to historical importers of pasta. Permits will be issued quarterly on a <i>pro rata</i> basis with a maximum of 300t per importer per year. 10% of the quota will be reserved for new entrants. Permits will be valid for four months.

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21.06	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included:		3 109	No limitation will be placed on the eligibility of applicants. Permits will be allocated quarterly on a first-come-first-served basis in full container loads. Permits will be valid for four months.
2106.10	protein concentrates and textured protein substances	7,4%		
2106.90	Other:			
2106.90.10	pudding mixtures	19,8%		
2106.90.15	jelly powder, crystals, squares	7,4%		
2106.90.17	disaccharide free infants' food, in powder form	7,4%		
2106.90.20	golden syrup and maple syrup	7,4%		
2106.90.23	syrups with a basis of fruit juice	7,4%		
2106.90.25	other syrups	7,4%		
2106.90.30	sweetening substances with a basis of saccharin	7,4%		
2106.90.35	other sweetening substances	7,4%		
2106.90.45	ice cream mixtures	19,2%		
2106.90.50	mixtures of chemicals and food-stuffs of a kind used in the preparation of human foodstuffs	7,4%		
2106.90.55	other cereal or farinaceous food preparations, in immediate packings of a content not exceeding 5kg	7,4%		
2106.90.60	sweets, gums and the like, containing synthetic sweetening agents	7,4%		
2106.90.90	Other	7,4%		
23.04; 23.05 and 23.06	Oilcake	6,6%	120 667	The quota for oilcake will be handled as a global quota. Permits will be issued on a <i>pro-rata</i> basis based on past imports. Procedures will be subject to further negotiations with the interested parties.
24.01	Tobacco	8,8%	16 773	Registered manufacturers of tobacco products will be eligible for import permits. Permits will be issued on a <i>pro-rata</i> basis. 200 tons of the quota will be reserved for new entrants. Permits will be valid for a year.
52.01	Cotton	12%	17 101	Processors of cotton will be eligible for permits. Permits will be allocated on a <i>pro-rata</i> basis and will be valid for a calendar year.

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