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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

In order to fulfil South Africa's commitment under the World Trade Organisation; Marrakesh Agreement, regarding minimum market access, rebate permits will be issued for the access quantities and at the reduced levels of duty as specified in the table in the Schedule. Permits will be issued only to importers in South Africa for importation into the Republic.

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

- (I) Name and address of firm and individual.
- (II) Tariff heading and product.
- (III) Quantity.
- (IV) Purpose of importation.
- (V) Country of origin.
- (VI) Telephone and fax number.

Applications must—

- (a) *when forwarded by post, be addressed to—*
The National Department of Agriculture
The Deputy Director: Marketing Administration
Private Bag X250
PRETORIA
0001; or
- (b) *when delivered by hand, be delivered to—*
The National Department of Agriculture
The Deputy Director: Marketing Administration
Dirk Uys Building
Hamilton Street
Arcadia
PRETORIA

Applications may be faxed to the following number: (012) 326-6541.

Any application delivered by hand or faxed will only be accepted during the Department's official hours, that is 07:30 to 16:00.

The Department awaits applications for rebate permits as follows:

- (a) For permits issued on a ***quarterly basis***, applications must be submitted during the following time periods:
- **1–31 December 1997**—for the first quarter of the quota-valid for importation during the period January 1998 to April 1998.
 - **2–31 March 1998**—for the second quarter of the quota-valid for importation during the period April 1998 to July 1998.
 - **1–30 June 1998**—for the third quarter of the quota-valid for importation during the period July 1998 to October 1998.
 - **1–30 September 1998**—for the last quarter of the quota-valid for importation during the period October 1998 to January 1999.
- (b) For permits issued on an ***half yearly*** basis, applications must be submitted during the following time periods:
- **1–31 December 1997**—for the first half of the quota-valid for importation during the period January 1998 to June 1998.
 - **1–30 June 1998**—for the second half of the quota-valid for importation during the period July 1998 to December 1998.
- (c) For permits issued on an ***annual basis***, applications must be submitted by **31 December 1997**.
- (d) For Tobacco permits, applications must be submitted during the period **17 February to 14 March 1998**.

Applicants must return all expired permits within 10 (ten) days after the date of expiry thereof. Applicants who do not return permits timeously may not be considered for the granting of future permits.

This notice shall replace all previous general notices regarding Minimum Market Access.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: AGRICULTURE

SCHEDULE Import arrangements

Tariff heading	Description	Extent of rebate	Annual Quota tonnes	Conditions for issue of permits
0201.10	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled - carcasses and half-carcasses	full duty less 13,8%	26 254	<p>Permits will be issued quarterly on a pro rata basis to historical importers, based on actual imports in 1996 and 1997 calendar years.</p> <p>10% is reserved for new entrants.</p> <p>17 380 t are reserved for supplies from Botswana and Namibia and 8 874t from other traditional supplying countries. Permits will be valid for four months.</p> <p>Only enterprises that can prove by means of an audited certificate based on the bill of entry, the importation of meat during 1996 and 1997 calendar years will qualify to apply for permits. This certificate should accompany the application.</p>
0201.20	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled - other cuts with bone in (excluding carcasses and half-carcasses)	full duty less 13,8%		
0201.30	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled - boneless	full duty less 32%		
0202.10	Meat of Bovine Animals, Frozen - Carcasses and half-carcasses	Full duty less 13,8%		
0202.20	Meat of Bovine Animals, Frozen - Cuts with bone in (excluding carcasses and half carcasses)	full duty less 13,8%		
0202.30	Meat of Bovine Animals, Frozen - Boneless	full duty less 32%		
0204.10	Carcasses and half-carcasses of lamb, fresh or chilled	full duty less 19%	5 042	<p>Permits will be issued quarterly on a pro rata basis to historical importers, based on actual imports in 1996 and 1997 calendar years.</p> <p>10% is reserved for new entrants.</p> <p>3 680 t are reserved for supplies from Botswana and Namibia and 1 362 t from other traditional supplying countries. Permits will be valid for four months.</p> <p>Only enterprises that can prove by means of an audited certificate based on the bill of entry, the importation of meat during 1996 and 1997 calendar years will qualify to apply for permits. This certificate should accompany the application.</p>
0204.21	Meat of sheep, fresh or chilled - Carcasses and half carcasses	full duty less 19%		
0204.22	Meat of sheep, fresh or chilled - Other cuts with bone in	full duty less 13,2%		
0204.23	Meat of sheep, fresh or chilled - Boneless	full duty less 13,2%		
0204.30	Carcasses and half -carcasses of lamb, frozen	full duty less 19%		
0204.41	Meat of sheep, frozen - Carcasses and half-carcasses	full duty less 19%		

0204.42	Meat of sheep, frozen - other cuts with bone in	full duty less 13,2%		
0204.43	Meat of sheep, frozen - Boneless	full duty less 13,2%		
0204.50	Meat of goats	full duty less 16,4%		
04.01 *	Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	full duty less 19,2%	45 072	Permits will be issued half yearly on a pro-rata basis to importers, based on actual imports in 1996 and 1997 calendar years. 5% of the quota will be reserved for new entrants. Permits will valid for six months.
04.02 *	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	full duty less 19,2%	4 470	Permits will be issued half yearly on a pro-rata basis to importers, based on actual imports in 1996 and 1997 calendar years. This means 75% of the quota will be set aside for manufacturers of products under 04.02, 20% to persons using products under 04.02 in a manufacturing process and 5% for new entrants. Permits will be valid for six months.
04.05 *	Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk, dairy spreads	Full duty less 15,8%	1 167	Permits will be issued half yearly on a pro-rata basis to importers, based on actual imports during 1996 and 1997 calendar years. This means 75% of the quota will be set aside for manufacturers of products under 04.05, 15% to persons using products under 04.05 in a manufacturing process, 5% to persons who import products under 04.05 for resale and 5% for new entrants. Permits will be valid for six months
04.06 *	Cheese and curd (excluding cheddar of tariff line 0406.90.25 and Gouda of tariff line 0406.90.35)	full duty less 19%	1 816	Permits will be issued half yearly on a pro-rata basis to importers, based on actual imports in 1996 and 1997 calendar years. 5% of the quota will be reserved for new entrants. Permits will be valid for six months.

* Please note that applications for dairy products should be accompanied by an audited certificate indicating actual imports based on a bill of entry for the 1996 and 1997 calendar years, excluding imports for the purpose of export.

04.08	Birds' eggs, not in shell, and egg yolks, dried, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, moulded, frozen or otherwise preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	full duty less 3,8%	7 560	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.
0708.10	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>), Shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled	full duty less 6,6%	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 per allotment and will be valid for a year
0710.10	Potatoes (uncooked or cooked by steaming in boiling water), Frozen	Full duty less 9,8%	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 per allotment and will be valid for a year.
0710.21	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>), (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), Shelled or unshelled, Frozen	full duty less 6,6%		
0710.22	Beans (<i>Vigna spp.</i> , <i>Phaseolus spp.</i>), (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), Shelled or unshelled, Frozen	full duty less 5,0%		
0710.29	Other Leguminous vegetables, (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water) Shelled or unshelled, Frozen	full duty less 4,8%		
0710.30	Spinach, New Zealand spinach and orache spinach (garden spinach) (Uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), Frozen	full duty less 7,4%		
0710.40	Sweet corn, (Uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), Frozen	full duty less 7,4%		
0710.80	Other vegetables (Uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), Frozen	full duty less 7,4%		
0710.90	Mixtures of vegetables, (Uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), Frozen	full duty less 7,4%		

07.12	Dried vegetables (excluding potatoes), whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	Full duty less 7,4%	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 per allotment and will be valid for a year
0712.10	Dried potatoes whether or not cut or sliced but not further prepared	full duty less 9,8%		
0713.20	Dried chick peas (garbanzes), Shelled, whether or not Skinned or Split	full duty less 6,6%	5184	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 per allotment and will be valid for a year
0713.90	Other dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split	full duty less 4,8%		
0713.30	Dried beans (<i>Vigna spp.</i> , <i>Phaseolus spp.</i>), Shelled, whether or not skinned or split	Full duty less 4,8%	11 063	Permits will be issued to historical importers of dried beans. Permits will be issued quarterly on a <i>pro rata</i> basis on proven actual imports during 1995, 1996 and 1997 calendar year. Applications must be accompanied by signed audited certificates verifying the actual imports. Permits will be valid for four months. 10% of the quota will be reserved for new entrants.
0806.20	Grapes, dried	full duty less 4,6%	333	No limitations will be placed on the eligibility of applicants. Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis in full container loads per allotment. 100 t of the quota will be reserved for imports of currants. The remaining quota will be allocated to other dried grapes. Permits will be valid for a year.
0813.10	Apricots, dried	full duty less 14%	313	Permits will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis in full container loads per allotment. Permits for apricots will be issued in quantities of 2 container loads. Permits will be valid for a year.
0813.20	Prunes, dried	full duty less 6,6%		
0813.30	Apples, dried	full duty less 6%		
0813.40	Other fruit, dried	full duty less 10,8%		
0813.50	Mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of Chapter 8	full duty less 8,8%		

10.08	Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals	Full duty less 8,6%	145	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 per allotment and will be valid for a year
19.01	Malt extract; food preparations of flour, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 per cent by mass of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included (excluding preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale, gluten free bread and cake mixtures and pudding powders); Food Preparations of Goods of Headings No. 04.01 to 04.04, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5 per cent by mass of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included (excluding preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale and pudding powders)	Full duty less 19,8%	6119	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
1901.10	Preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale.	Full duty less 19,2%		
1901.20.20	Bread and cake mixtures, gluten free	Full duty less 7,4%		
1901.90.20	Pudding powders	Full duty less 19,8%		
19.02	Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as Spaghetti, Macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni, couscous, whether or not prepared	Full duty less 10,8%	1749	Permits will be issued to the 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.
21.06	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included: (excluding ice cream mixtures)	full duty less 7.4%	3109	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 per allotment and will be valid for four months
2106.90	Ice cream mixtures	full duty less 19.2%		

24.01	Unmanufactured Tobacco; Tobacco Refuse	full duty less 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, not carded or combed	full duty less 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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