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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations

FROM: Director, Textile/Apparel Policy and Programs
Office of International Trade

SUBJECT: QBT-12-515: 2013 Refined Sugar Tariff Rate Quota

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for TPE*

COMMODITY:

Refined and Specialty Sugar provided for in Chapter 17, Additional U.S. Note 5

QUOTA PERIOD:

October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013

OPENING DATE:

Monday, October 1, 2012 at 1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) or its equivalent in other time zones

THIS QUOTA IS EXPECTED TO OVERSCRIBE AT OPENING MOMENT

RESTRAINT LEVELS:

Refined and specialty sugar 8,294,000 kg
(No CQE or specialty sugar certificate required)
Canada (CQE required) 12,050,000 kg

There will be five successive openings for specialty sugar, available on a first-come, first-served basis. The dates and quota limits for these openings are as follows:

First tranche	October 12, 2012	1,656,000 kg
Second tranche	October 26, 2012	35,245,000 kg
Third tranche	January 11, 2013	20,003,000 kg
Fourth tranche	April 11, 2013	20,003,000 kg
Fifth tranche	July 11, 2013	20,003,000 kg

The second through fifth tranches will be reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the U.S. or reasonably available from domestic sources.

HTS NUMBERS:

**First Tariff Field
LOW RATE**

Second Tariff Field

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1702.90.1000	“
2106.90.4400	“

***NOTE:** HTS number 1701.99.1025 and 1701.99.1050 is for refined sugar and should not be used for the specialty sugar openings.

HIGH RATE

First Tariff Field	Second Tariff Field
9904.17.08	1701.12.5000 or
9904.17.09	1701.91.3000 or
9904.17.10	1701.99.5010 or
9904.17.11	1701.99.5025 or
9904.17.12	1701.99.5050 or
9904.17.13	1702.90.2000 or
9904.17.14	2106.90.4600
9904.17.15	

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Use entry type 02, 06, 07, 12, 23, 32, 38, or 52

Report in kilograms

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please refer to chapter 99, subchapter IV, U.S. note 1 for the list of countries that are not subject to additional agricultural safeguard duties under heading 9904. Imports from these countries should be presented as a type 02 entry using the high rate (over-quota) tariff number provided for in chapters 17 or 21, without the chapter 99 HTS number. These entries must still be reported through the ACS quota module.

DISTRIBUTION:

Please ensure that this notice is passed to all port directors, assistant port directors (Trade), import specialists, CBP officers, entry specialists and other interested parties such as brokers and importers.

Questions from the importing community regarding this message should be referred to the local CBP port. Ports may refer questions via email to HQ Quota or contact Pelbea Griffin Jones, at (202) 863-6585.

cc: Assistant Directors, Trade, Field Operations
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