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Report Highlights:

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They are seeking comments on TRQs and Origin Quotas for the following commodities:

Tariff Rate Quotas:

Cheese Industrial Cheese

Origin Quotas:

High-sugar containing products
Sugar confectionery and chocolate preparations
Processed foods
Dog and cat food
Fish and seafood
Textiles and apparel
Vehicles

Canada is inviting comment from producers, manufacturers, processors, importers, exporters, distributors, small and medium-sized enterprises and retailers and other stakeholders including industry associations and the public. Comments from international stakeholders are also welcomed.

The consultation period will be open until July 21, 2016.

Comments can be submitted through a feedback form on the International Trade Consultation Website which can be found at the following URL: http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/consultations/ceta-aecg/tariff origin-info-contingents origines.aspx?lang=eng

Additional information can be submitted to the Trade Controls Policy Division (TIC) by email at: CETA.Ouotas@international.gc.ca.

Comments can also be submitted by mail to:

Trade Controls Policy Division (TIC) Global Affairs Canada 125 Sussex Drive Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2

Additional Information:

In February 29, 2016 Canada's Minister of International Trade, Chrystia Freeland and the European Union's Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmstrom announced the the completion of the legal review of CETA. The Agreement will need to be approved by both countries. No specific timeline has been established.

In the CETA, Canada agreed to give additional market access to European cheeses. It will take the form of two new tariff-rate quotas:

- 1. Cheese: annual import of 16,000 tonnes of cheese of all types, as well as an additional 800 tonnes of cheese that will be taken from the WTO global cheese TRQ (reducing global WTO quota by 800 tons). Canada's justification for this change is that it is being done to address new member states accession to the EU.
- 2. Industrial Cheese: annual import of 1,700 tonnes of industrial cheeses

More on what was agreed to regarding the administration of these tariff rate quotas can be found at the following URL:

http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/assets/pdfs/ceta-rm-03-eng.pdf