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Paul Kiecker,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Fiscal Year 2021 Raw Cane Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota Increase and Extension of the Entry Period

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the Secretary) is providing notice of an increase in the fiscal year (FY) 2021 raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 90,100 metric tons raw value (MTRV) and an extension of the TRQ entry period.

DATES: Applicable: August 24, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Souleymane Diaby, Multilateral Affairs Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1070, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1070; by telephone (202) 720-2916; or by email Souleymane.Diaby@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 9, 2020, the Secretary established the FY 2021 TRQ for raw cane sugar at 1,117,195 MTRV, the minimum to which the United States is committed

under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the Secretary has authority to modify the raw and refined sugar WTO TRQs. The Secretary gives notice today of an increase in the quantity of raw cane sugar eligible to enter at the lower rate of duty during FY 2021 by 90,100 MTRV. The conversion factor is 1 metric ton raw value equals 1.10231125 short tons raw value. With this increase, the overall FY 2021 raw sugar TRQ is now 1,207,295 MTRV. Raw cane sugar under this quota must be accompanied by a certificate for quota eligibility. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will allocate this increase among supplying countries and customs areas.

The Secretary also today announces that all sugar entering the United States under the FY 2021 raw sugar TRQ will be permitted to enter U.S. Customs territory through October 31, 2021, a month later than the usual last entry date. Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(iv) of Chapter 17 of the HTS provides: "(iv) Sugar entering the United States during a quota period established under this note may be charged to the previous or subsequent quota period with the written approval of the Secretary."

These actions are being taken after a determination that additional supplies of raw cane sugar are required in the U.S. market. USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis and may make further program adjustments during FY 2021 if needed.

Jason Hafemeister,
Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-21-BUSINESS-019]

Stakeholder Listening Session and Request for Information on the Value- Added Producer Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS) is hosting a listening session and opening a request

for information for public input about the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program. The VAPG program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. RBCS is currently considering how it can streamline the application process, clarify eligibility requirements concerning food safety, reduce the burden for meeting requirements, and implement such requirements.

DATES: The listening session will be held on:

October 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. ET

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/574045542162812683>

Comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

ADDRESSES: Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search" box, type in the Docket No. RBS-21-BUSINESS-0019. A link to the Notice will appear. You may submit a comment here by selecting the "Comment" button or you can access the "Docket" tab, select the "Notice," and go to the "Browse & Comment on Documents" Tab. Here you may view comments that have been submitted as well as submit a comment. To submit a comment, select the "comment" button, complete the required information, and select the "Submit Comment" button at the bottom. Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link at the bottom. Comments on this information collection must be received by October 25, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg York, Program Management Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, MS 3226, Room 5801—South, Washington, DC 20250-3250, or call 202-720-1400, or email cpgrants@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview of VAPG

The VAPG program is authorized under section 231 of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224), as amended by section 10102 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) (see 7 U.S.C.