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Mexico Announces Import Quotas for U.S. eggs

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Report Highlights:

On August 14, 2012, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexico's Federal Register) two announcements establishing the import quota to import fresh eggs for human consumption and eggs for industrial purposes, under a tariff rate quota.

General Information:

Disclaimer

This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcements and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the resolution in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete resolutions or announcements as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title of Notices:

1. "Announcement that establishes the import quota of fresh eggs for human consumption, under a tariff rate quota."
2. "Announcement that establishes the import quota of eggs for industrial purposes, under a tariff rate quota."

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: August 14, 2012
2. Effective Date: August 15, 2012
3. Expiration date of Quota Certificates: December 31, 2012.

Summary: The Economic Secretariat (SE) published on August 14, 2012, two notices in the *Diario Oficial* announcing the import quota to import 211,000 MT of fresh eggs for human consumption and 24,400 MT for industrial purposes under a "0%" tariff rate quota, provided the importer presents a Quota Certificate issued by SE. SE justified the implementation of these quotas in response to a disease outbreak in one of the main producing areas of table eggs that provoked an unfounded increase in egg prices. This increase is affecting both households and industrial users.

Previously, on August 9, 2012, SE had published in the *Diario Oficial* the tariff rate quota for the import of eggs as follows:

HTS	Products	Units	Tax	
			Import	Export
0407.21.01	Eggs in the Shell, for human consumption	Kg	Exempt	N/A
0407.21.99	Other	Kg	Exempt	N/A
0408.11.01	Not In Shell And Egg Yolks, Dried	Kg	Exempt	N/A
0408.19.99	Other	Kg	Exempt	N/A
0408.91.01	Frozen or in powder	Kg	Exempt	N/A
0408.91.99	Other	Kg	Exempt	N/A
0408.99.01	Frozen, except what contained in HTS 0408.99.02	Kg	Exempt	N/A
0408.99.99	Other	Kg	Exempt	N/A

The August 14, 2012 announcement for table eggs, establishes the following:

HTS	Products	MT
0407.21.01	Eggs in the shell, for human consumption	211,000

And for eggs for industrial purposes:

HTS	Products	MT
0407.21.99	Other	24,400

0408.11.01	Not In Shell And Egg Yolks, Dried	
0408.19.99	Other	
0408.91.01	Frozen or in powder	
0408.91.99	Other	
0408.99.01	Frozen, except what contained in HTS 0408.99.02	
0408.99.99	Other	

The allocation method will be direct allocation on a “first come, first serve” basis. The interested parties must submit the appropriate documentation to SE, who after the analysis, will issue a Quota Certificate valid until December 31, 2012.

FAS Mexico comment: This announcement does not imply any changes to the preexisting access, largely existent due to NAFTA. Increased access for other countries may result in an increase in competition. However, due to the proximity between the U.S. and Mexico, the import of eggs from distant countries is likely to be carefully scrutinized by potential importers before proceeding with imports. Besides the implicit zoo-sanitary issues, transportation costs and timeframes to reach domestic distribution channels and shelf-life would be factors to consider.

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