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Signed at Washington, D.C. August 10, 2001.

Ann M. Veneman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of Shipping Patterns for Mexico's North American Free Trade Agreement Allocation Under the Fiscal Year 2001 Sugar Tariff Rate Quotas

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes shipping patterns for Mexico's fiscal year North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) allocation of 105,788 metric tons raw value under the FY 2001 sugar tariff rate quotas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to the Import Policies and Programs Division Director, Foreign Agricultural Service, AgStop 1021, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Blabey (Division Director, Import Policies and Programs Division), 202-720-2916.

Notice

I hereby give notice, in accordance with section 2011.107(a) of 15 CFR 2011 Subpart A, that I will issue Certificates of Quota Eligibility (CQEs) to allow Mexico to enter up to 70 percent of its NAFTA allocation for raw cane sugar and certain other sugars, syrups, and molasses, before June 30, 2001. The remaining 30 percent, plus any residual quantity not shipped prior to June 30, may enter at the low tier tariff during the final quarter of FY 2001.

Mexico's FY 2001 NAFTA allocation was established at 105,788 metric tons raw value. This sugar may be entered at the low tier tariff under subheadings 1701.11.10, 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to HR Mtn. Sun, Inc., of Hood River, Oregon, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 6,027,758, "Restructured Fruit and Vegetable Products and Processing Methods," issued on February 22, 2000, for all applications to pears and pear products. Notice of Availability of this invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1158, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as HR Mtn. Sun, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Roadless Area Protection; Interim Direction

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service has issued two Interim Directives to its workforce reserving to the Chief, with some exceptions, authority to approve timber harvest and road construction and reconstruction in roadless areas. The intended effect is to stabilize roadless management in light of pending litigation. Public comment is invited and will be considered in developing any final policy.

DATES: Interim Directives No. 2400-2001-3 and 7710-2001-2 were issued July 27, 2001. Comments must be received in writing by October 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning these Interim Directives should be sent to Content Analysis Team, Forest Service, USDA, Attention: Roadless Interim Directives, P.O. Box 221150, Salt Lake City, UT, 84122; via email to roadless_id@fs.fed.us; or via facsimile to 801-296-4088, Attention: Roadless Interim Directives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jody Sutton, Program Coordinator, Content Analysis Team, at telephone number (801) 527-1023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 12, 2001, the Department of Agriculture published a final rule entitled 36 CFR part 294, Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation (66 FR 3244). Originally scheduled to take effect on March 12, the Secretary of Agriculture extended the effective date until May 12, 2001, to permit the new Administration to review the rule (66 FR 8899; February 5, 2001).

Over the same period, eight lawsuits, involving seven states in six judicial districts and four federal circuits were