

RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY
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NOTICE TO TRADERS 51/08

SUGAR PRODUCTION

IMPORT QUOTA FOR SUGAR FOR THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

INTRODUCTION

1. This notice is to inform you of the opening of an import quota for sugar for the chemical industry from 1 October 2008.

BACKGROUND

2. In order to relieve the pressure of availability of industrial sugar for the chemical industry the Commission has announced a quota which will be used specifically for products referred to in the Annex of Commission Regulation (EC) No 967/2006.

AVAILABILITY

3. The quantity available for import is 400,000 tonnes and is restricted to raw sugar falling under the CN heading 1701. The application of import duties is suspended for this quota.

APPLICATIONS – SUGAR PRODUCERS

4. If you are interested in applying for a licence for this quota you should familiarise yourself with our leaflets ET1 and ET3 which can be found on our website www.rpa.gov.uk as follows:

ET1

RPA Schemes / External Trade / All commodity Advice / Scheme Guidance

ET3

RPA Schemes / External Trade / Sugar / Scheme Guidance

AUTHORITY

5. The information detailed in this notice has not yet been published. Once the regulation has been published you will find details in the L series of Official Journals. Copies can be obtained from Stationery office bookshops and accredited agents, or ordered from the Stationery Office website (www.tso.co.uk). You can also access recent Official Journals electronically

by visiting the Commission's Europa website on (<http://eurlex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>). Please note that the Rural Payments Agency cannot provide any warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the Europa web site. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulation as published is definitive.

ENQUIRIES

6. If you require further information or wish to express an interest in applying for a licence, please contact the Sugar Production section of the Rural Payments Agency Newcastle on the following:

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