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NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning the administration of tariff quotas (Table MA:1) for 1998 was received from the delegation of the **United States** on 27 May 1998.

Table MA:1 Annex

MARKET ACCESS: United States of America
Country allocations for raw, refined sugar and sugar containing products tariff-rate quotas: fiscal year 1998

Country	Allocation ¹ (Metric tons)	Country	Allocation ¹ (Metric tons)
Raw Cane Sugar:			
Argentina	56,832	Jamaica	14,538
Australia	109,699	Madagascar	7,258
Barbados	7,830	Malawi	13,217
Belize	14,538	Mauritius	15,860
Bolivia	10,573	Mexico	25,000
Brazil	191,642	Mozambique	17,182
Colombia	31,720	Nicaragua	27,755
Congo	7,258	Panama	38,328
Côte d'Ivoire	7,258	Papua New Guinea	7,258
Costa Rica	19,825	Paraguay	7,258
Dominican Republic	232,614	Peru	54,189
Ecuador	14,538	Philippines	178,426
El Salvador	34,363	South Africa	30,398
Fiji	11,895	St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258
Gabon	7,258	Swaziland	21,147
Guatemala	63,440	Taiwan	15,860
Guyana	15,860	Thailand	18,503
Haiti	7,258	Trinidad-Tobago	9,252
Honduras	13,217	Uruguay	7,258
India	10,573	Zimbabwe	15,860
Grand total			1,400,000

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Country allocations for raw, refined sugar and sugar containing products tariff quotas: fiscal year 1998

Country	Allocation ¹ (Metric tons)
Refined Sugar:	
Mexico	2,954 ²
Canada	10,300
Global	7,090 ³
Specialty sugar:	4,656 ³
Total (Refined Sugar)	25,000
Sugar containing products:	
Canada	59,250
Global	5,459 ³
Total	64,709

Notes:

¹USDA has established the FY 1998 raw-cane sugar TRQ at 1,600,000 metric tons, of which 1,400,000 metric tons have been allocated by USTR. The balance of 200,000 metric tons will be allocated by USTR in May if the stocks-to-use ratio in USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimate Report (WASDE) is less than or equal to 15.5 per cent. Conversely, if the ratio is greater than 15.5 percent, no additional allocation will occur. Under USDA's administrative plan, a 200,000 metric ton allocation was canceled in January because the stocks-to-use ratio reported in the WASDE exceeded 15.5 per cent, while 200,000 tons were allocated in March because the stocks-to-use ratio was below 15.5 per cent.

²Does not include 25,000 metric tons NAFTA access.

³Global allocation based on first-come, first served.