

# IMPORT QUOTAS

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A quota is a quantity control on imported merchandise. Quotas are established by legislation through by directives or proclamations issued by the authority contained in specific legislation. Quotas are:

- A Tariff rate quota provides for the entry of a specific quantity of the quota product at a reduced rate of duty during a given period. There is no limit to the amount of quota goods that may be imported. Once the specific quantity is filled, the goods may be entered at a higher rate of duty.
- An Absolute quota is quantitative. That is, no more than the amount specified may be permitted entry during a quota period. Some quotas are country specific. Other Absolute Quotas are global.

Current articles subject to quota are as follows. This list can and will change from time to time. Information on Quota items may be obtained by contacting the Quota branch, U.S. Customs Service 1301 Constitution Ave. N.W. Washington DC 20229 202/566-8592. It is suggested that you have already determined the tariff number.

## **Tariff Quotas – General Descriptions**

Milk of a certain fat content	Certain Textiles from Canada
Mandarin Oranges	Anchovies
Textiles assembled in Guam	Brooms
Cream of a certain fat content	Olives
Tuna	

## **Absolute Quotas – General Descriptions**

Candy/Confectionery	Cheddar Cheese
Chocolate	Ice Cream
Chocolate, sweetened	Buttermilk
Sugars, Syrups, Molasses	Butter substitutes
Pear Juice	Milk and Cream
Apple juice	Peanuts
Cotton	Buttermilk
Textile from many countries	Cotton
Watches and movements from insular possessions	Ammonium Paratungstate
Animal feed containing milk or milk derivatives	

## **Articles that are under quantitative quota AND require import license**

Butter	Dried Milk
Dried Cream	Most Cheese
Malted Milk	

Information concerning Import Licenses may be obtained from the:

Import Licensing Group/Foreign Agricultural Service  
U.S. Department of Agricultural Room 6616-S  
Washington DC 20250