Rice tariff quotas

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EU introduces reference quantities for management of rice tariff quotas

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2652 of 10 October 2024 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 with regard to the management of certain tariff quotas in the rice sector, the adjustment of cheese export tariff quotas for the United States and an update of the technical specifications for the IMA1 certificates for the import of dairy products from New Zealand

Update

The EU has revised its rules on the management of rice tariff quotas. As demand for certain rice quotas has been very high, the EU has introduced reference quantities to support the management of these quotas.

Impacted products

Rice

What is changing?

There is great demand among importers for certain tariff quotas in rice. Previously, operators could apply for any quantity of rice for the quotas set out in Table 1, provided the quantity did not exceed the total quantity available for the tariff quota period (Regulation 2020/761, Art. 5).

Under the new rules, rice importers may not apply for a quantity of quota beyond their reference quantity. This is based on imports from the previous 2 years (both within and out of quota) from an origin within the scope of the quota, and cannot exceed 15% of the quantity available in the quota (Regulation 2020/760, Art.9). The proposed rules also introduce changes related to imports of New Zealand dairy products and cheese from the USA into the EU.

Timeline

The new rules apply from **23 November 2026**.

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Background

For further information on EU tariff quotas, see Import tariffs and tariff rate quotas explained.

Resources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 as regards the management system of tariff quotas with licences

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/760 as regards the rules for the administration of import and export tariff quotas subject to licences

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2652 with regard to the management of certain tariff quotas in the rice sector, the adjustment of cheese export tariff quotas for the United States and an update of the technical specifications for the IMA1 certificates for the import of dairy products from New Zealand

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Table 1
Rice tariff quotas where reference quantities will be introduced

Quota number	Origin
09.4112	Thailand
09.4117	India
09.4118	Pakistan
09.4119	Countries other than India, Pakistan, Thailand, USA
09.4130	Countries other than Australia, Thailand, USA
09.4154	Countries other than Australia, Guyana, Thailand, USA
09.4166	All origins
09.4168	All origins

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Source: Regulation 2020/761, Annex III

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