

# Rice tariff quotas

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## EU to introduce reference quantities for management of rice tariff quotas

[Draft](#) Commission Implementing Regulation 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 [[go to Download](#)]

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## Update

The European Commission proposes to revise its rules on the management of rice tariff quotas. Demand for certain rice quotas has been very high, and the EU is introducing 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. Currently, operators can apply for any quantity of rice for the quotas set out in Table 1, provided the quantity does not exceed the total quantity available for the tariff quota period (Regulation [2020/761](#), Art. 5). Further details on each quota can be found in Annex III of that Regulation.

Under the proposed 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 into the EU.

## Timeline

The new rules are expected to apply from the third quarter of 2024.

## Recommended Actions

Feedback on this proposal closed on 8 July 2024.

## 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

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## Table & Figures

| Table 1<br>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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