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Update on Refined Sugar Prices and Imports Under the TRQ

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Report Highlights:

According to press reports speculation on refined sugar prices has slowed down due to the imported refined sugar under the TRQ set up by the government.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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UPDATE ON REFINED SUGAR PRICES AND IMPORTS UNDER THE TRQ.

According to the press reports, the importing of refined sugar into Mexico has slowed price speculation and resulted in slight price decreases for refined sugar in the wholesale market. The Chamber for the Sugar and Alcohol Sugar Industries indicated that the refined sugar TRQ implemented by the government (see report MX3128) released pressure on prices for refined sugar. According to current demand and expected sugar production, the Chamber believes that not all the TRQ will be needed and that, at the most, 70,000 MT will be imported through December 2003. Reportedly, two ships are currently unloading Brazilian refined sugar at the ports of Tampico and Veracruz. The October 2003 sugar price report from the Secretariat of Economy indicates that wholesale prices have lowered from approximately \$365.00 to \$360.00/50Kg (US\$32.30 to \$31.85/50kg); however, the Chamber indicates that this price decrease is greater at the retail level where speculation was stronger.

Refined Sugar Wholesale Prices Mexico City		
Date	Sugar mill	Price*
01/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	363.00
02/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	363.00
03/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	363.00
06/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	365.00
07/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	365.00
08/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	365.00
09/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	365.00
10/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	365.00
13/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	365.00
14/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	365.00
15/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	365.00
16/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	365.00
17/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	365.00
20/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	360.00
21/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	360.00
22/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	360.00
23/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	360.00
24/10/2003	San Cristóbal, Ver.	360.00
27/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	360.00
28/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	360.00
29/10/2003	El Potrero, Ver.	360.00

*Pesos per 50 kg. Bulk

SOURCE: SISTEMA NACIONAL DE INFORMACION DE MERCADOS, SNIIM-SE
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