

Table 17**TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE**

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

September 13, 1998 through December 15, 1998
Metric Tons

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>1998/1999 Quota</i>	<i>Imports to Date</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	11,000	1,699	15.5
Brazil	80,200	1,500	1.8
Chile	2,750	0	0.0
European Union	10,000	508	5.0
Guatemala	9,625	722	7.5
Malawi	12,000	28	0.2
Philippines	3,000	0	0.0
Thailand	7,000	79	1.1
Zimbabwe	12,000	153	1.3
Residual 2/	3,000	1,978	65.9
Total	150,575	6,667	43.3

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate-quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first come/first served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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