

**Table 17**

**TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE  
FINAL 1998/1999**

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

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>1998/1999 Quota, Metric Tons</i>	<i>1998/1999 Imports, Metric Tons</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	11,000	7,198	65.4%
Brazil	80,200	45,586	56.8%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	3,189	31.9%
Guatemala	9,625	1,330	13.8%
Malawi	12,000	6,280	52.3%
Philippines	3,000	48	1.6%
Thailand	7,000	2,194	31.3%
Zimbabwe	12,000	4,631	38.6%
Residual 2/	3,000	2,977	99.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,575</b>	<b>73,433</b>	<b>48.8%</b>

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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