

billion board feet.

The following is a statistical summary of softwood lumber permit applications processed in 2004:

permits issued47,512
 permits rejected 468
 permits cancelled 1,145

Agri-food Products

As part of its implementation of WTO commitments, the United States established TRQs for imports of peanut butter, certain sugar-containing products (SCPs) and refined sugar. Within these TRQs, Canada receives a country-specific quota allocation. The U.S. Government administers these TRQs on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to help ensure the orderly export of these programs against Canada's country-specific quotas, Canada placed these products on the Export Control List (ECL). Accordingly, in order to comply with the Act and to benefit from the in-quota U.S. tariff rate, Canadian exports of peanut butter, certain SCPs and refined sugar to the United States require an export permit issued by the EICB. There are no quantitative restrictions or permit requirements for Canadian exports of these products to non-U.S. destinations.

1. Peanut butter

Peanut butter was placed on the ECL on January 1, 1995. Within the U.S. peanut butter TRQ of 20,000 tonnes, the United States provides a country-specific quota to Canada of 14,500 tonnes. During 2004, permits were issued for 14,053,972 kg, indicating that the quota was 97% utilized.

2. Sugar-containing products

Sugar-containing products (SCPs) were placed on the ECL on February 1, 1995. The United States's SCP TRQ is 64,773 tonnes and applies to imports of certain SCPs falling under Chapters 17, 18, 19 and 21 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The quota year for SCPs is from October 1 to September 30.

In September 1997, Canada and the United States exchanged letters of understanding, under which Canada obtained a country-specific quota of 59,250 tonnes within the U.S. SCP TRQ. The understanding also provides that only goods that are "product of Canada" may benefit from Canada's country-specific reserve. In 2003-04, export permits were issued for 59,150,252 kg of SCPs, indicating that the quota was 99.8% utilized.

3. Refined sugar

Refined sugar was placed on the ECL on October 1, 1995. The United States's refined sugar TRQ is 60,000 tonnes (raw equivalent). The quota year for refined sugar is from October 1 to September 30.

In September 1997, Canada and the United States exchanged letters of understanding, under which Canada obtained a country-specific quota of 10,300 tonnes, raw equivalent (i.e. 9,579 tonnes refined sugar), within the U.S. refined sugar TRQ. The understanding also provides that only goods that are "product of Canada" may benefit from Canada's country specific reserve. In 2003-04, export permits were issued for 8,912,759 kg of refined sugar, indicating that the quota was 86.5% utilized.

The following summary of agricultural export permits processed in 2004 includes applications for peanut butter, SCPs and refined sugar: