



**U.S. Customs and
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Directors, Trade, Field Operations

FROM: Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs
Office of International Trade 

SUBJECT: QBT-13-501: Results of 2013 Tuna Tariff Rate Quota Opening

REFERENCE: QBT-12-534: 2013 Tariff Rate Quota on Tuna

RESULTS:

The tariff rate quota for tuna, which opened on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, exceeded the preliminary restraint limit at the opening. All entries presented at the over-quota (high) rate since the opening have been charged and may be released. Entries should continue to be submitted at the over-quota (high) rate.

The final quota limit should be provided to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in March 2013. Upon receipt of the final quota limit from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), CBP will issue proration and liquidation instructions to the field/trade.

*** Ports are reminded to **WITHHOLD LIQUIDATION of entries presented at opening moment Wednesday, January 2, 2013** pending instructions from Headquarters. This includes consumption entries and warehouse withdrawals for consumption. Ports are also reminded that these entry summaries must be placed in **holding code 109**. For warehouse withdrawals (32), the associated warehouse entry (21) must be placed and maintained in holding code 109 until HQ Quota issues liquidation instructions. This will ensure proper identification of all entries entitled to a refund at liquidation AND facilitate subsequent proration and proper liquidation of all affected entries.

If a warehouse entry is liquidated prior to receipt of the final restraint limit from NMFS, it is recommended that the importer file a protest to ensure proper processing of any applicable refund once the final proration is determined.

DISTRIBUTION:

Please ensure that this notice is passed to all port directors, assistant port directors (trade), import specialists, entry specialists, CBP officers, and other interested parties such as brokers and

importers.

Questions from the importing community regarding this electronic message should be referred to the local CBP port. The port may refer their questions through email to HQ Quota or contact Quota Branch Chief Richard Wallio at (202) 863-6508.

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