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**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

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**CLEVELAND AREA PORT PIPELINE**

TO All Importers, Brokers, Customs and Border Protection Officers and  
Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT QBT-08-500: Results of 2008 Tariff Rate Quota on Tuna

REFERENCE: QBT-07-592

**RESULTS:**

The tariff rate quota for tuna, which opened on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, 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 2008. 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 between opening moment and COB Friday, January 4, 2008. This includes consumption entries and warehouse withdrawals for consumption pending instructions from Headquarters. Ports are also reminded that these entry summaries must be placed in **holding code 109**. **For warehouse withdrawals, the warehouse entry must be placed and maintained in holding code 109 until HQ Quota issues liquidation instructions.** In the event that the quota does not fill at opening, 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.

Any questions should be directed to team 314 at (440) 891-3824.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc A. Hurteau".

Marc A. Hurteau  
Area Port Director