

as they protect our lives, homes, and communities. They exemplify the very best in the American spirit. On National Firefighters Day, 1988, and all year long, we owe municipal, volunteer, and all other firefighters our heartfelt thanks, our utmost respect, and our thorough cooperation in their fire prevention, rescue, and safety efforts.

Last year, 127 firefighters gave their lives in the line of duty. Let us pause in solemn and prayerful remembrance of these fallen heroes and of all firefighters who have given their lives through the years. Let us also be sure to extend our support and sympathy to their brave families.

From the days of firefighters' hand-drawn rigs in the 18th century to those of the 19th-century horse-drawn engines, and on to today's modern fire and rescue vehicles, Americans young and old have thrilled, during many a parade on many a Main Street or Maple Avenue throughout our land, to colorful and exciting displays of powerful firefighting equipment. But we have thrilled even more in understanding and appreciation of firefighters' critical mission and their indispensable spirit of courage, service, and sacrifice. May such recognition always inspire us to salute and thank America's firefighters for all they do for each of us.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 649, has designated November 12, 1988, as "National Firefighters Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 12, 1988, as National Firefighters Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5908 of November 18, 1988

To Amend the Quantitative Limitations on Imports of Certain Cheeses

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

1. Import limitations have been imposed on certain cheeses pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624). Section 701 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, P.L. 96-39 (the "Act"), requires that the President by proclamation limit the quantity of cheese of the types specified therein that may enter the United States in any calendar year after 1979 to not more than 111,000 metric tons.

2. Proclamation No. 4708 of December 11, 1979, established quantitative limitations on imports of such cheeses as required by the Act. Proclamations No. 4811 of December 30, 1980, No. 5425 of January 6, 1986, and No. 5618 of March 16, 1987, modified those quantitative limitations. Such quantitative limitations and allocations for enumerated countries appear in part 3 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) and subchapter IV of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

3. In order to permit an increase in imports of certain cheeses from Uruguay, the provisions set forth in item 950.10 in part 3 of the Appendix to the TSUS and subheading 9904.10.42 of the HTS must be modified. This modification does not affect any existing quota allocations other than the allocation for Uruguay. This modification increases the annual aggregate quantity of quota cheese allocated to 111,000 metric tons.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States of America, including Section 701 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, and Section 1204(b) of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, do hereby proclaim that:

A. Item 950.10 in part 3 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States is modified as follows:

The line beginning with "Uruguay" is changed to read as follows:

"Uruguay 943,569 482,000";

B. Subheading 9904.10.42 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified as follows:

The line beginning with "Uruguay" is changed to read as follows:

"Uruguay 428,000".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5909 of November 18, 1988

**To Designate Guyana as a Beneficiary Country for
Purposes of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act**

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

1. Section 212 of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) (19 U.S.C. 2702) authorizes the President to designate the countries, territories, or successor political entities thereto that will be beneficiary countries for purposes of the CBERA (19 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*). Such countries are entitled to duty-free entry of eligible articles imported directly therefrom into the customs territory of the United States. I am