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In accordance with the rules laid down in Title II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761¹, the management and issuing of licence applications submitted by EU importers are managed by Member States. Any operator established and registered for value-added tax (VAT) purposes in the EU can obtain import licences, provided they comply with the requirements laid down in the relevant regulatory framework applicable to each tariff rate quota (TRQ). When applying for licences for Mercosur TRQs, operators are not required to present any document issued by Mercosur countries. Therefore, even in the event that only a limited number of suppliers obtained the documents required to accompany imports under TRQs into the EU, this would not necessarily result in a concentration of import licences in the hands of a limited number of EU importers.

To apply for certain TRQs, Regulation (EU) 2020/760 requires applicants to be registered in the LORI database². This is the case for TRQs with order numbers 09.4211, 09.4214, 09.4251, 09.4410 and 09.4420. In these cases, at the end of each TRQ period, the Commission publishes³ the names, EORI⁴ numbers and addresses of importers that, during the preceding TRQ period, received licences for those TRQs⁵. However, detailed information about the licences obtained for each TRQ by individual importers remains in the hands of Member States' authorities managing licence applications.

¹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 of 17 December 2019 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013 and (EU) No 510/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the management system of tariff quotas with licences (OJ L 185, 12.6.2020, p. 24, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/761/oj).

² Licence Operator Registration and Identification (LORI) electronic system, laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2020/760.

³ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy/market-measures/trqs_en.

⁴ EORI: Economic Operators Registration and Identification number.

⁵ Article 6 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/760 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the rules for the administration of import and export tariff quotas subject to licences and supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the lodging of securities in the administration of tariff quotas (OJ L 185, 12.6.2020, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/760/oj).