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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 6485 - Tobacco marketing quotas. This bill discourages the production of types of tobacco which are not under price support and acreage or poundage quota programs from being grown in areas where tobacco farmers have chosen to comply with these programs.

Under existing law, tobacco producers vote periodically on whether marketing quotas should be established or maintained for eight distinct types of tobacco. Marketing quotas are generally designed to limit tobacco production and are presently in effect for all tobacco types except for the Maryland and cigar-filler varieties.

Under H. R. 6485, any kind of tobacco not subject to marketing quotas that is produced in an area where a quota type of tobacco is traditionally produced will be subject to quotas if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the nonquota tobacco has any of the distinguishable characteristics of the quota tobacco. If several types of tobacco have marketing quotas in effect in an area, any nonquota tobacco produced in the area would be subject to quotas for the type of tobacco traditionally produced in the area having the highest price support.

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