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Update**

Senate Confirms Gregory Doud and Dennis Shea for Key USTR Posts

The United State Senate has, by voice vote, confirmed Gregory Doud as chief agricultural negotiator for the Office of the United States Trade Representative. He will serve with the rank of Ambassador. This is the post previously held by Darci Vetter. Gregory Doud is from Kansas, and has worked at the Commodity Markets Council. He has also served as a professional staff member on the Senate Agriculture Committee working on the 2012 Senate farm bill. He previously worked for eight years as chief economist for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The Senate also confirmed Dennis Shea as Deputy United States Trade Representative, Geneva Office, with the Rank of Ambassador. Mr. Shea is the Vice Chairman of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, a Congressionally-appointed bipartisan panel that annually assesses the United States-China security, economic, and trade relationship, including China's compliance with its WTO commitments. He has served as the Commission Chairman or Vice Chairman each year since 2012 and as member since 2007. Mr. Shea has extensive background in law and public policy, and previously served as Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Earlier in his career, he was deputy chief of staff and counsel to then-Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. Mr. Shea is principal and founder of Shea Public Strategies, Alexandria, Virginia.

The CIAA will work to get a meeting with Ambassador Doud to present our views on trade policy.

FDA Issues Two Labeling Guidance Documents

The Food and Drug Administration has published two new guidance documents that are of interest to CIAA members. In both documents, FDA states that FDA's these documents ... "do not establish legally enforceable responsibilities. Instead, guidances describe our current thinking on a topic and should be viewed only as recommendations, unless specific regulatory or statutory requirements are cited."

The first document is [Reference Amounts Customarily Consumed: List of Products for Each Product Category: Guidance for Industry](#). This guidance document includes tables showing 1) The name of the product categories; (2) the relevant RACCs as determined by FDA; and (3) appropriate label statements, which are meant to provide examples of serving size statements that may be used on the label. For purposes of this guidance, a fourth column has been added that contains examples of products that fall within each product category. Cheese labeling information can be found on pages 15-16.

The second document is [Guidance for Industry: Food Labeling: Serving Sizes of Foods That Can Reasonably Be Consumed At One Eating Occasion; Dual-Column Labeling; Updating, Modifying, and Establishing Certain Reference Amounts Customarily Consumed; Serving Size for Breath Mints; and Technical Amendments; Small Entity Compliance Guide](#). Cheese labeling information can be found on pages 25-26.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15, 2018

The license fee for each license issued is due and payable in full no later than March 15 of the year for which the license is issued. Licenses issued after March 15 of any quota year are payable in full no later than 10 days from the date of issuance. Fee payments are payable to the Treasurer of the United States and shall be made solely utilizing the electronic software designated for the purpose by the Licensing Authority

May 4, 2018

Member Meeting
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Saddle Brook Marriott
Saddle Brook, NJ

May 4, 2018

Dinner Gala
Liberty House Restaurant
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Jersey City, NJ

July 2, 2018

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2018 to notify FAS

August 31, 2018

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2019 license.

* If a deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the deadline will be the next business day (Section 6.36(a) of the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation). This does not apply to dates of entry for eligibility.

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