



**-REVISED-**  
**What You Must Do If You Are A FSVP Importer**  
*Rule goes into effect May 30, 2017 for Many Importers*

*There was a small typo on page one of the previous link. The corrected version is found below.*

CIAA's Qualified Importer Program sponsored a two-day Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) course on April 5-6 taught by OFW Law's Betsy Booren and Jolyda Swaim and attended by 50 people.

Please keep in mind that the FSVP Rule goes into effect May 30, 2017, 18 months after the FSVP Final Rule was published, or 6 months after the FSVP Importer's foreign supplier is required to meet the relevant Food Drug Administration (FDA) FSMA regulations for the food they produce for export. FSVP importers will need to determine when their foreign supplier needs to be compliant with FSMA, and add 6 months to that date for their own compliance date to the FSVP Rule.

It is important to note that a FSVP Importer must develop a FSVP program based on the foreign supplier and the food being imported. In other words, foreign suppliers are not allowed "general approval" for all foods being produced by them. A FSVP program is for the foreign supplier and the food product being imported.

Also, the FSVP Importer will need to determine if standard or modified requirements to the FSVP rule apply to them based on their size, and their foreign supplier and the food their foreign supplier produces.

To help lead you through the different decision points, OFW Law's team in response to questions presented at this and other training sessions has put together [flow diagrams and examples](#) to help the FSVP Importer determine when they must be compliant. (NOTE: The FSVP flow chart provided by OFW law has been revised due to a slight typo in the original bulletin sent May 1, 2017. The original version mentioned the rule goes into effect on May 30, 2017 instead of the corrected May 30, 2017.)

Should you have any questions, please contact Roger Szemraj at [rszemraj@theciaa.org](mailto:rszemraj@theciaa.org) or (202) 789-1212.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **May 4, 2017 Member Meeting**

9:30am - 11:30am

Saddle Brook Marriott, Saddle Brook, NJ

### **May 5, 2017**

CIAA Dinner Dance

Macalosos, Hawthorne, NJ

### **July 1, 2017**

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2017 to notify FAS.

### **August 31, 2017**

Last day to Enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2017 license.

### **September 1, 2017**

First day of 2018 license applications

### **September 15, 2017**

Last day of licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for 2017

### **October 2, 2017**

Last day to surrender 2017 license amounts

### **October 16, 2017**

Last day of 2018 license applications

### **November 2, 2017**

Member Meeting

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Saddle Brook Marriott, Saddle Brook, NJ

### **December 22, 2017 (approximately)**

FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2018 licenses to licensees.

### **December 31, 2017**

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2017 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2017 licenses are valid.

### **January 21, 2018**

CIAA Fancy Food Show Reception

5:00 pm- 7:30 pm

Thirsty Bear Brewery

San Francisco, CA

\* 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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