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CIAA Bulletin

An Exclusive CIAA Member Update

FAS Announces its Intent to Use Pre-2018 Lottery License Practices Applicants to be Contacted Regarding Affiliation or Association Status Determinations

Following a positive meeting last week between several members of the Cheese Importers Association of America's (CIAA) Board of Directors and the Foreign Agricultural Service, FAS has now announced that it will use the procedures in place prior to 2018 for awarding 2019 lottery licenses, first providing applicants the opportunity to respond to any changes FAS believes have occurred in their affiliation or association status under 7 CFR Part 6.23(c)(4) and 6.23(c)(5).

CIAA President Phil Marfuggi was joined by past President Ken Olsson, 1st Vice President Daniel Schnyder, 2nd Vice President Ralph Hoffman, Board Members Tom Toto and Jens Pedersen, and CIAA's Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs Roger Szemraj in a meeting with Ron Lord, Director of the FAS Import Programs and Export Sales Reporting Division. This meeting followed the [FAS presentation made at the May 4 CIAA Membership Meeting](#), and a series of contacts between CIAA and FAS regarding concerns voiced by CIAA members that the 2018 lottery license awarding procedure had changed from past practices.

CIAA said that in its view the 2018 license procedure did not reflect on-going business practices that had been in place for several years, and provided no opportunity or notice for applicants to challenge affiliation or association status determinations made by FAS. The regulations on affiliation and association had been in place for more than 20 years, and absent a formal notice of a change in regulations from FAS applicants had a reasonable basis for expecting past practices to be continued. Those applying for 2018 lottery licenses did not have any opportunity to be made aware of the determinations made by FAS, let alone challenge them.

This new FAS announcement is a positive step towards seeking importer input and is expected to influence FAS action in future years. While individual determinations are to be based on the specific characteristics of each business, CIAA members are encouraged

to let us know of their experiences so that the CIAA can take additional action as may be warranted.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

September 1, 2018

First day of 2018 license applications

Last day to request a globalization of a calendar year 2018 license

September 15, 2018

Last day of licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for 2018

October 1, 2018

Last day to surrender 2018 license amounts

October 15, 2018

Last day of 2018 license applications

October 20-24, 2018

SIAL Trip to Paris, France

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* 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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