



**CHEESE IMPORTERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

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Update**

FAS Extends Deadline for License Holders Impacted by Recent Hurricanes

Those Affected Must Contact FAS

We want to remind you of the notice sent by the Foreign Agricultural Service to all cheese import license holders:

Waiver of Dairy Import License Program Deadlines for those Impacted by recent Hurricanes (September 27, 2017) Given the extensive devastation caused by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, the Licensing Authority for the Dairy Import Licensing Program will waive deadlines for any Licensee or new license applicant who has experienced loss of communication or electric power. Any person who cannot meet the 2017 surrender deadline of October 2, 2017, or the 2018 application deadline of October 16, 2017, should contact the licensing authority at 202-720-1344 or bettyann.gonzales@fas.usda.gov.

At this time FAS does not believe that this extension will delay the license reallocation date as they plan to get it finished as soon as possible after the Columbus Day Federal holiday on October 9th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2, 2017

Last day to surrender 2017 license amount

October 16, 2017

Last day of 2018 license applications

October 27, 2017

Member Meeting

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Saddle Brook Marriott, Saddle Brook, NJ

October 31, 2017

Deadline for exporting countries that are designating U.S. importers for calendar year 2018 must submit their designations to FAS

December 21, 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

March 1, 2018 (approximately)

FAS issues final notice of calendar year 2018 licenses to licensees

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

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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