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Update**

**Reminder: License Applicants Need to Submit 7501s
for Unlicensed Qualifying Entries by November 2**

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has sent notices to import license holders reminding them that they urgently need license holders to send their Customs Form 7501 so that FAS may validate your unlicensed entries. If you have not already done so, the deadline to respond to this request is past due, but FAS will give license holders to Thursday, November 2 at 5PM EDT to submit. If FAS does not receive these Forms, then those license holders will not qualify to receive a license.

Please click the link below for information contained on their important dates document. You may scan and email the forms to Bettyann Gonzales at bettyann.gonzales@fas.usda.gov. Her phone number is 202-720-1344.
https://www.fas.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2017-08/important_program_information_for_2017-2018.pdf

As we said in our August 29 bulletin, Importers need to send the copies of the 7501s only for those entries that will be used to qualify, not for all of their unlicensed entries. FAS tells us that by using the 7501, FAS can match the importer of record to the Entry and be more assured that no Entry is used for more than 1 applicant.

Some importers have suggested that this is a new requirement, but it is not. The Foreign Agricultural Service has had this requirement for the past few years, citing it in the Important Dates for Licensed Dairy Importers with the following description:

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 2018 license. Effective Sept. 1, 2017, licensed qualifying entries; verification

will be only processed through DAIRIES and cross checked with entries in the CBP system. For unlicensed qualifying entries, the applicant will submit an electronic copy (e.g. scanned PDF) of CBP Form 7501 to Licensing Authority.

The same requirement can be found in the date requirements for 2015 and 2016.

This requirement is also contained in the regulations at 7 CFR 624(b)(1):

(b)(1) Where the applicant seeks to establish eligibility on the basis of imports, applications shall include identification of entries sufficient to establish the applicant as the importer of record of entries required under §6.23, during the 12-month period ending August 31 prior to the quota year for which license is being sought. For qualifying licensed entries, verification will be only processed through DAIRIES and cross checked with entries in the CBP system. For qualifying unlicensed entries, the applicant will submit an electronic copy (e.g. scanned PDF) of CBP Form 7501 to the Licensing Authority.

United States Senate Confirms Gregory Ibach as Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

The United States Senate on October 26 confirmed Gregory Ibach as the new Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. He will oversee the Agricultural Marketing Service which has responsibility for Marketing and Research Programs, including the Qualified Importer Program (QIP).

Mr. Ibach has served as Nebraska's Director of Agriculture since June, 2005, and is a past president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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