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Update**

## **CIAA Congressional Action Alert - COVID-19**

In light of the COVID-19 world pandemic, the U.S. Congress is preparing to consider an additional economic stimulus legislative package. This legislative bill, which the Senate will soon consider, will provide economic relief to different impacted industries such as the following: restaurants; airlines; hotels and related industries. Different members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate are requesting tariff relief be included in this COVID-19 economic stimulus package.

We request that you reach out to your respective members of the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and ask the following:

*The next economic stimulus package should respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by refunding Section 301 EU tariffs paid to date and lifting these additional tariffs for the remainder of the year. Until the economic dislocation caused by the COVID-19 is behind us, the Section 301 EU tariffs will only serve to weaken the ability of restaurants, specialty food stores, food importers and distributors to make payroll and for American families to afford food and other essential items.*

*In particular, we would recommend due to the increased demand in groceries, including cheeses with long shelf-lives that the CIAA members import, that the administration be directed to temporarily suspend the Section 301 tariffs in place due to the Large Civil Aircraft Dispute. Additionally, food and agriculture is considered a critical infrastructure by the Department of Homeland Security and we should be removing barriers to ensuring an adequate food supply during a pandemic.*

If you do not know your Congressional Representatives, please go to this website and put in your respective zip code: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

We will continue to monitor developments related to this additional economic stimulus package. Should you have any questions regarding this alert, contact the Husch Blackwell LLP team at [CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com](mailto:CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com).

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Dates to Remember

**July 2, 2020**

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2020 to notify FAS

**August 31, 2020**

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2021 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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