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**CIAA Bulletin**

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Update**

## **Lori Tortora Appointed as New Head of Import Programs at USDA**

Lori Tortora has accepted a position Senior Policy Advisor for Import Programs, which covers the dairy and sugar import license programs within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service beginning Monday, August 17, 2020. Ms. Tortora replaces Becky Rasdall who temporarily headed the Dairy Import Licensing Program after Ron Lord retired this spring.

Ms. Tortora joined the Foreign Agricultural Service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2008, where she has focused on a variety of trade policy issues related to technical and sanitary and phytosanitary barriers to U.S. exports of food and agricultural products, primarily in Europe, Central America, and Asia. As part of her portfolio, Ms. Tortora worked on bilateral and multilateral trade issues related to certification and other burdensome, non-science-based requirements at the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee, in free trade agreement negotiations, and in normal bilateral discussions with trading partners. She was the U.S. lead on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Export Certificate work since its beginning in 2009. Ms. Tortora was also a regular member of the U.S. delegation to the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems.

We look forward to working with Ms. Tortora to address CIAA's priority issues such as elimination of Section 6.25(b) and the impact of the

Section 301 Large Civil Aircraft tariffs on the licensing program. The CIAA Executive Committee will host an official introductory video conference once Ms. Tortora is more settled into her new role.

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## Dates to Remember

### **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.

### **SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

First day of license eligibility period for next quota year-plus one. Example: entries made on or after September 1, 2020 can be used to establish eligibility for a license for calendar year 2022.

### **SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

Last date to request globalization of a calendar year 2020 license. First transmission date for applications for reallocated license amounts for calendar year 2020. First transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2021 licenses.

### **SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

Last transmission date for licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for calendar year 2020.

### **OCTOBER 1, 2020**

Last transmission date for licensees to surrender all or the unused portion of their calendar year 2020 licenses.

### **OCTOBER 15, 2020**

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2021 licenses.

### **OCTOBER 31, 2020**

Exporting countries that are designating U.S. importers for calendar year 2021 must submit their designations to FAS by this date.

### **DECEMBER 20, 2020**

(approximately) FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2021 licenses to licensees.

**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2020 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2020 licenses are valid.

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