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CIAA and EDA Leaders Meet to Discuss Priority Issues

On Thursday, October 1, the leadership of the CIAA and the European Dairy Association met as part of an ongoing effort to strengthen relationships between the organizations and share information on topics of mutual interest. The meeting was led by Alexander Anton, EDA, and Daniel Schnyder, President of the CIAA.

While many items were on the agenda, the trade relations between the EU and U.S. was the largest topic of discussion. As CIAA members are aware, dairy trade between the EU and U.S. has been strained due to the Large Civil Aircraft dispute and the punitive tariffs in place on many EU cheeses and dairy products.

Earlier this week, it was announced that the World Trade Organization ("WTO") authorized the European Union to impose tariffs on U.S. goods worth \$4 billion to retaliate against subsidies paid to American large civil aircraft manufacturers. Based upon a call with the EDA, the CIAA expects the list of U.S. goods target by the EU will be released in the next weeks. The CIAA hopes that this announcement will induce the U.S. and EU to reach a negotiated resolution of the matter to avoid a drawn-out trade dispute.

The CIAA and EDA also discussed Brexit and the potential impact on dairy for their respective members. Currently, the United Kingdom's trade

relationship with the EU is scheduled to end on January 1, 2021. The UK and EU have been negotiating a trade agreement, but recently discussion have been strained due to a recent EU threat of legal action against the UK.

During that time, the U.S. and UK have also been in talks regarding their own trade deal. While these discussions are still ongoing, talks recently became tense when Ambassador Mick Mulvaney, Special Envoy to Ireland, said that a free trade agreement between the U.S. and UK will be off the table if a hard-Irish border is reinstated.

EDA is hosting a workshop on Brexit for EDA members on October 9th. This meeting will include trade officials from the UK and EU to help EDA members better understand the impact on trade with the UK after January 1, 2020. EDA said they will share information with CIAA that is learned at this workshop.

As a reminder to members, because the quota allocation between the UK and the EU has not yet been resolved, USDA has directed importers to apply for United Kingdom as part of EU27 licenses.

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Dates to Remember

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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