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CIAA Bulletin

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Update**

Information Request: Shipping Delays

The CIAA has heard from several members regarding significant delays of product transported via steamship that was ordered in fall 2020 supposed to arrive at a U.S. port of entry prior to January 1, 2021, however did not arrive until after the first of the year. These imports were intended to arrive well before the first of the year and use 2020 dairy import licenses. From our understanding, these delays have been related to COVID-19 delays, congestion at ports, high seas, and carrier capacity. For example, some companies ordered product in September or October 2020 with an estimated arrival at a U.S. port of entry in November or early December 2020, but the containers did not arrive until after January 1, 2021.

USDA has issued waivers to some dairy import license holders allowing them to use 2020 licenses for these imports, but not to others. We are hoping to have a more fulsome discussion with USDA regarding this issue and ensuring the USDA is fairly and equitable issuing waivers to license holders.

We are asking any CIAA members that are willing to share whether they were able to obtain a waiver from USDA and allowed to use a 2020 license for imports that arrived after January 1, 2020, or if they were impacted by similar delays and either unable to obtain a waiver or used 2021 licenses for these imports.

If you are willing to provide information regarding this request, please email the Husch Blackwell team at CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com.

When information is shared with USDA, it will be anonymized, and no company specific information will be provided.

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INDUSTRY DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1, 2021 (approximately)

FAS issues final notice of calendar year 2021 licenses to licensees.

March 15, 2021

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 1, 2021

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2021 to notify FAS.

AUGUST 31, 2021

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, 2021

First day of license eligibility period for next quota year-plus one. Example: entries made on or after September 1, 2021 can be used to establish eligibility for a license for calendar year 2022.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

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, 2021

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for calendar year 2021.

OCTOBER 1, 2021

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for licensees to surrender all or the unused portion of their calendar year 2021 licenses.

OCTOBER 15, 2021

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2022 licenses.

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Exporting countries that are designating U.S. importers for calendar year 2022 must submit their designations to FAS by this date.

DECEMBER 20, 2021

(approximately) FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2022 licenses to licensees.

DECEMBER 31, 2021

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2021 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2021 licenses are valid

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