



**CHEESE IMPORTERS
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Update**

USTR to Seek Comments on Increasing Duties for Many European Cheeses: *Action is part of Retaliation for EU Airbus Subsidies*

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has released for public comment a [preliminary list of products](#) to be covered by additional duties in response to adverse effects caused to the United States by European Union (EU) subsidies. This fourteen-page list includes many but not all cheeses imported from these countries. In addition to these cheeses, the list also includes butter, fresh cheeses, and yogurt. It excludes casein and caseinates, milk powders, other mixed fat products e.g. fat filled powders and blended spreads, and chocolate crumb.

The action is being taken following a finding by the WTO Appellate body that the EU has subsidized the production of high value aircraft, causing harm to U.S. interests. USTR estimates the harm from the EU subsidies as \$11 billion in trade each year, but that amount is subject to arbitration at the WTO. USTR expects the arbitration decision to be issued this summer. The potential tariff rate increase has not yet been specified and is subject to ongoing review.

We expect USTR in the coming days will announce the process for the submission of public comments, and we will keep CIAA members informed. CIAA expects to submit its own comments once that process is announced.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Szemraj at rszemraj@theciaa.org or (202) 789-1212.

Dates to Remember

May 3, 2019
Member Meeting
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Saddle Brook Marriott
Saddle Brook, NJ

May 3, 2019

Dinner Gala

6:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Chart House Restaurant

Weehawken, NJ

July 2, 2019

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2019 to notify FAS

August 31, 2019

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2020 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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