



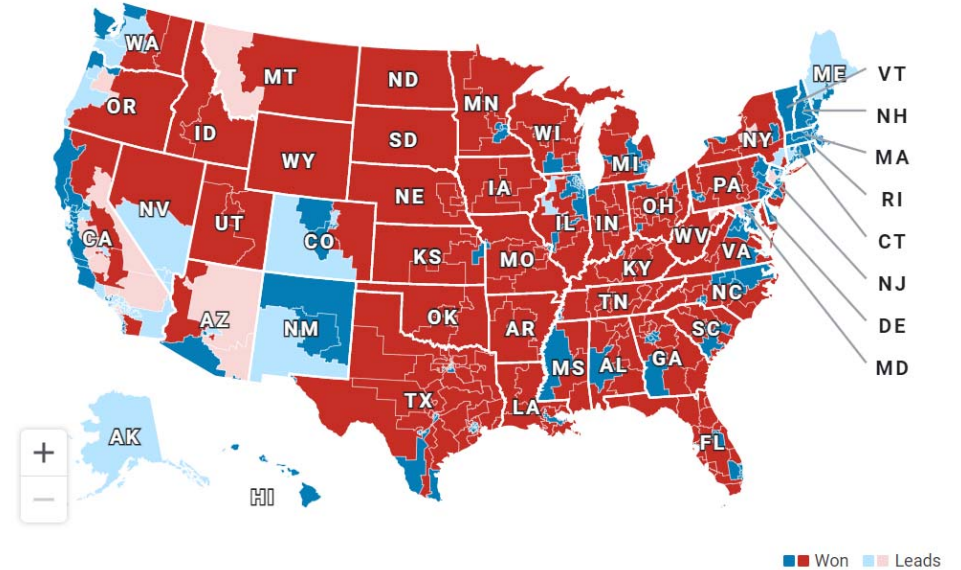
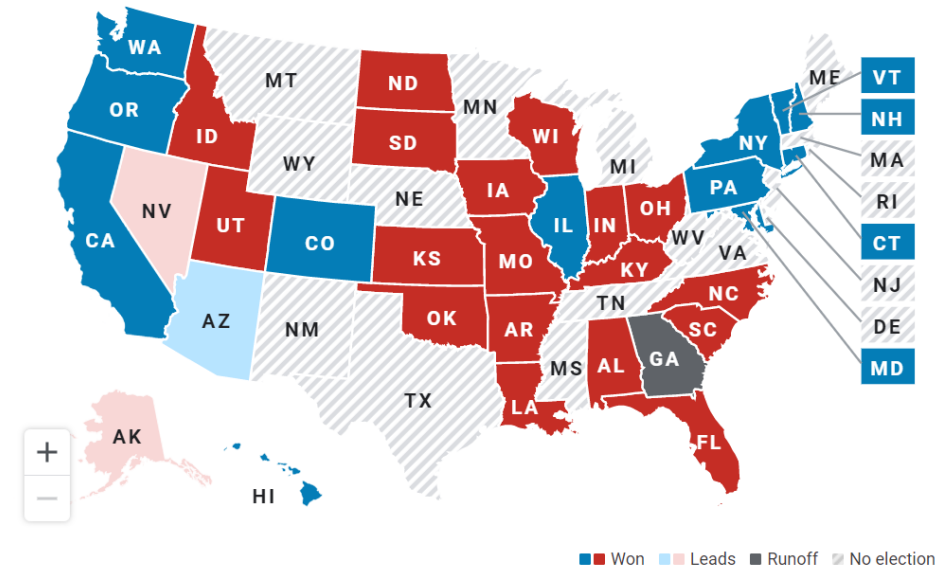
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Washington Update

Cheese Importers Association of America

November 10, 2022 | Member Meeting

Midterm Election Results





117th Lame Duck Congress

- Expect a post-midterm session, but focus will not necessarily be on things that greatly benefit
- Current government spending bill expires on December 16
- Debit ceiling may be under consideration
- Passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (DOD defense budget)
- Confirmation in Senate of various judges
- GSP
 - Unlike to pass reauthorization, but House Way & Means Committee Democrats are preparing a bill to reauthorize GSP and MTB, but Republican's will not support passage due to Trade Adjustment Assistance also being included in the bill
 - A refunds-only bill is more likely to pass – this would refund duties on goods entered between January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 that otherwise would have otherwise received preferential duty treatment under GSP



Ocean Shipping Reform Act Proposed Regulations

- Proposed rulemaking
 - Adopt minimum information requirements that common carriers and MTOs must include in detention and demurrage invoices (including information in addition to the 13 data points required by OSRA 2022)
 - Specify timelines and practices for issuing and disputing invoices
 - Clarify which parties appropriately may be billed for detention and demurrage charges
- Would provide additional information in invoices about the detention and demurrage charges upfront to help contents charges
- Comments due on December 13, 2022



Dairy Import Licensing Program – 6.25(b)

- CIAA working to have this issued addressed in 2023 Farm Bill and is our top policy priority
- Following submission of CIAA waiver request, USDA announced a delay of Section 6.25(b) until 2024 license year due to impacts of
 - Section 301 tariffs due to Large Civil Aircraft Dispute
 - COVID-19
- CIAA discussing if anything can be done for a longer delay as the delay does not address the period most significantly impacted by those issues (2019-2022)



FDA Update

- “Healthy” Definition Update
 - FDA published a proposed rule that would update the definition of “healthy”
 - The current definition set in 1994
 - The proposed rule utilizes “food group equivalents” which are proposed criteria for the portion of food from a particular food group that exist in a food item. Food group equivalents are based on a Reference Amount Customarily Consumed, which determines appropriate serving sizes
 - FDA proposed the criteria for certain food groups that outlines food group equivalents and limits for added sugar, sodium, and saturated fat in order for foods to be considered healthy
 - Cheese most likely to be ineligible due to sodium and saturated fat levels
- Food Traceability Rule has been submitted to the Office of the Federal Register and will be public within the next week or two
 - We expect most cheeses to be covered by the final regulations
 - Will require development of key data elements at critical tracking events

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