

## An Exclusive CIAA Member Update



## CIAA submits comments to USDA-FAS Regarding Delay of Section 6.25(b)

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Today, the Cheese Imports Association of America filed comments with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service ("FAS") in response to the interim final rule that delayed the effect of Section 6.25(b) for one year. In its comments, CIAA expressed its appreciation to FAS for providing a short reprieve the rule. However, CIAA expressed that a year delay is insufficient to address the volatility plaguing the dairy import market. Over the past several years, international dairy markets have experienced significant volatility caused by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Large Civil Aircraft Dispute, the Russia-Ukraine-Conflict, and other factors outside of the control of dairy product importers. These significant disturbances have impacted importers' access to specialty cheese products as well as negatively impacted their ability to be imported into the U.S. Therefore, CIAA called on FAS to extend the stay in the interim final rule for an additional seven (7) years (for a total of eight). This additional time would also provide FAS time to conduct a holistic review of the Dairy Import Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Program regulations.

Members that have questions regarding these comments or Section 6.25(b) can contact the Husch Blackwell team at [CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com](mailto:CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com).



## DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 1, 2022 (no exceptions)

NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Last transmission date for licensees to surrender all or the unused portion of their calendar year 2022 licenses.

**OCTOBER 15, 2022 (no exceptions)**

Last transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2023 licenses.

**OCTOBER 15 - 19, 2022**

SIAL Show  
Paris, France

**OCTOBER 31, 2022**

Exporting countries that are designating U.S. importers for calendar year 2023 must submit their designations to FAS by this date.

**CIAA Member Meeting**

9:30am – 11:30am

Saddle Brook Marriot

Saddle Brook, NJ

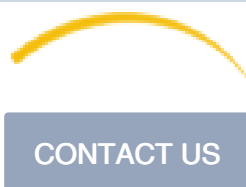
**DECEMBER 20, 2022 (approximately)**

FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2023 licenses to licensees.

**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2022 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2022 licenses are valid. or "only 7 remaining"!

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