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## **FDA Issues Draft Guidance Regarding Recalled Products**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued [draft guidance](#) for industry and staff regarding FDA's policy on public warning and notification of recalled products in the [Friday, January 19, 2018 issue of the Federal Register](#). Comments in response to this draft guidance are due March 20, 2018. This draft guidance addresses the use, content, and timing of public warnings and public notification of recalls under part 7 (21 CFR Part 7).

According to a [January 18 statement](#) from FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, "...the draft guidance outlines circumstances when a company should issue a public warning about a recall, describes the general timeline for companies to issue such a warning, discusses what information should be included in a public warning, and describes situations where the FDA may take action to issue its own public warning should a company's warning be deemed insufficient. The draft guidance also describes the FDA's policy for moving forward with posting recalls to [FDA's Enforcement Report](#) before a final health risk determination is made. The FDA's Enforcement Report is a listing of all recalls monitored by the FDA."

This statement went on to say that FDA is developing a new policy on what information the FDA will make available to help the public to identify a hazardous recalled food. It was also described as first in a series of policy steps FDA will take this year as part of a broader action plan to further improve oversight of food safety and how FDA helps implement the recall process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Roger Szemraj, CIAA's Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs at [rszemraj@theciaa.org](mailto:rszemraj@theciaa.org) or (202) 789-1212.

## **FAS Dairy Import Licensing Staff News**

We would like to remind you of a message license holders should have received from Abdelsalam El-Farra of the Import Policies & Export Reporting Division in the Office of Trade Programs of the Foreign Agricultural Service. He will be in detail assignment, and out of the Dairy Import Program, from January 21, 2018 till May 22, 2018. He urges license holders to contact Teresa McKeivier for all Dairy Import Program issues during his detail assignment. She can be reached at 202-690-1151 or [Teresa.McKeivier@fas.usda.gov](mailto:Teresa.McKeivier@fas.usda.gov).

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **March 1, 2018 (approximately)**

FAS issues final notice of calendar year 2018 licenses to licensees

### **March 15, 2018**

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

### **May 4, 2018**

Member Meeting  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Saddle Brook Marriott  
Saddle Brook, NJ

### **May 4, 2018**

Dinner Gala  
Liberty House Restaurant  
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm  
Jersey City, NJ

### **July 2, 2018**

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2018 to notify FAS

### **August 31, 2018**

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2019 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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