



**CHEESE IMPORTERS
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Update**

USTR Announces May 15 Public Hearing on Increasing Duties for Many European Cheeses *Written Comments Due May 28*

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announced in [today's Federal Register](#) that the Section 301 Committee plans to hold a public hearing on May 15 and accept written comments through May 28 regarding its investigation to enforce U.S. rights in the World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute against the European Union (EU) and certain EU member States addressed to EU subsidies on large civil aircraft. As we reported previously, USTR is considering the imposition of additional tariffs on a wide range of European cheese products as part of the response to the Airbus subsidy matter.

USTR invites comments with respect to any aspect of the proposed action, including:

- The specific products to be subject to increased duties, including whether products listed in the Annex should be retained or removed, or whether products not currently on the list should be added.
- The level of the increase, if any, in the rate of duty.
- The appropriate aggregate level of trade to be covered by additional duties.
- Whether increased duties on particular products might have an adverse effect upon U.S. stakeholders, including small businesses and consumers.

CIAA intends to submit comments in response to this notice and asks CIAA members after reviewing this announcement to provide their assessment of the impact on the particular products they import. The USTR notice does not propose a specific tariff rate for any of these products, which is a reason why one of the items for comment is the level of increase.

CIAA will also prepare a draft comment letter for use by CIAA members based upon the information we receive, allowing individual members to highlight specific impacts on their own companies.

Should 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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