



**CHEESE IMPORTERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

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CIAA Bulletin

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Update**

Please Be Sure Your Assessments Are Designated to CIAA

The Cheese Importers Association of America (CIAA) uses funds provided through the Qualified Importer Program (QIP) to conduct many worthwhile activities. CIAA has used these funds to provide opportunities for interns to be placed at premier firms in the cheese importing industry for the past six summers, and will do so again this year.

CIAA uses QIP funds to invite U.S. retailers who are interested in expanding sales of imported cheeses to attend the CIAA-led trip to SIAL in Paris, France. CIAA is currently looking for opportunities to develop seminars and training sessions held in the U.S. to teach retailers improved merchandising and marketing skills for imported specialty cheeses and other matters of interest to CIAA members.

To continue these programs and to implement the many excellent suggestions provided by CIAA members, you need to be sure that you have contacted USDA to designate CIAA to receive one-third of the assessment you are now required to pay. CIAA thanks those members who have done so, and urges those of you that have not taken the necessary steps by completing this [linked letter](#)* to Whitney Rick at AMS, and then [emailing](#) it to her. This designation remains in effect until changed, so it does not need to be renewed each year.

If you aren't sure if you or your predecessors have designated CIAA as the recipient of your assessment funds, you can find out by sending an email to [John Galbraith](#) at AMS. You must include your importer number(s) and your company name so that he can be sure to let you know if the designation for CIAA has been established for each of your importer designations.

If you learn that you have not, then please complete the letter referenced above.*If you would like to request to receive this letter in Microsoft Word format, please click [here](#).

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
Registration

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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