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**CIAA Bulletin**

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Update**

## **CIAA Membership Meeting Provides Important Information**

The Cheese Importers Association of America (CIAA) held its spring membership meeting on May 4 in Saddle Brook, New Jersey. Senior personnel from the Food and Drug Administration and the Foreign Agricultural Service offered presentations that included important information for CIAA members, as well as provides additional opportunities for CIAA involvement.

**Erwin Miller**, the Chief of the Data Systems Integration Branch of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) at the Food and Drug Administration, described action FDA is taking to enhance the Food Facility Registration Process. Following complaints from several CIAA members about the reregistration process in the fall of 2016, CIAA sent a letter to FDA offering several recommendations to help resolve those difficulties. We also raised these concerns during our February meeting at CFSAN. Some of these improvements will streamline the password recovery and changing process, reduce the need for using the call center, and require immediate update to incorrect registration information. Mr. Erwin's presentation can be found [here](#). He has also invited CIAA to continue to work with him and his colleagues regarding improvements to the call center and other related matters.

**Ron Lord**, the Director of the Import Programs and Export Sales Reporting Division of the Foreign Agricultural Service, along with **Teresa McKeivier**, the Branch Chief for Sugar and Dairy Import Programs, provided information about the import licensing program, with an emphasis on lottery licenses. A number of CIAA members expressed concerns about how the most recent lottery license program was administered, telling us that they believed that either the rules had been changed or were being enforced in a new manner. In particular, members suggested that "affiliation" had been assessed in a different manner. CIAA took these concerns to Ron and Teresa some months ago, and received a commitment that they would put together more detailed information about the requirements for obtaining a lottery license program. While this guidance document has not yet been completed, CIAA will continue to work with FAS in the weeks to come to secure such a document, including meaningful examples and explanation of how affiliation is determined. Their presentation can be found [here](#).

## **New Executive Committee and Board Members Take Office**

The following individuals have been elected as CIAA's Executive Committee effective May 4, and through our 2020 Spring Membership Meeting:

- Philip Marfuggi, The Ambriola Co. - President
- Daniel Schnyder, Emmi-Roth USA, Inc. - First Vice President
- Ralph Hoffman, Arthur Schuman - Second Vice President
- Iarlaith Smyth, Ornu North America - Treasurer
- Marilyn Levinsohn, Director of Trade Compliance, Saputo Cheese USA Inc. - Secretary

New Member of the CIAA Board of Directors:  
Laura Lyden McGregor, The Peterson Co.

## **Have You Bookmarked the Correct Web Address for DAIRIES?**

From time to time we hear from CIAA members who are having difficulties in logging into the DAIRIES website. Some members may be using outdated book marks/web addresses or may have changed from Windows based computers to Apple systems. If so, please be sure that you change your DAIRIES bookmark to the correct address: [www.fas.usda.gov/dairy](http://www.fas.usda.gov/dairy). Should you be having a problem, we urge you to immediately contact Janet Drazek at FASfor DAIRIES issues. Her phone number is 202-720-0309.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **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.

### **September 1, 2018**

First day of 2018 license applications

Last day to request a globalization of a calendar year 2018 license

### **September 15, 2018**

Last day of licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for 2018

### **October 1, 2018**

Last day to surrender 2018 license amounts

**October 15, 2018**

Last day of 2018 license applications

**October 20-24, 2018**

SIAL Trip to Paris, France

Click [here](#) to register

\* 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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