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Update**

Ralph Hoffman Appointed to Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Processed Foods

Ralph Hoffman, CIAA's 2nd vice president, has been appointed to the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC) for Processed Foods. Ralph was nominated for this position by CIAA, and received support from several CIAA board members. The announcement was made by Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. The Processed Foods ATAC is one of six ATACS that provide technical advice and guidance on trade issues that affect both domestic and foreign production.

In his letter nominating Ralph for this position, current CIAA president Phil Marfuggi said "During his 15-year tenure at Arthur Schuman, (Ralph Hoffman) has specific experiences in dealing with importation of cheese from Europe and South America, exportation of cheese products to Mexico, Australia, Korea, Japan and other Asian countries. In our view this broad experience makes him an individual who can contribute immediately to the Processed Foods ATAC in a special and productive manner."

The formal announcement can be found [here](#). The full list of those serving on the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Processed Foods can be found [here](#).

Ralph's appointment is effective June 15, 2019 through June 15, 2023. Congratulations, Ralph!

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Szemraj at rszemraj@theciaa.org or (202) 789-1212.

Dates to Remember

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.

September 3, 2019

First day of 2020 license applications

Last day to request a globalization of a calendar year 2019 license

September 16, 2019

Last day of licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for 2019

October 1, 2019

Last day to surrender 2019 license amounts

October 15, 2019

Last day of 2020 license applications

November 7, 2019

Member Meeting

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Saddle Brook Marriott

Saddle Brook, NJ

* 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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