



**CHEESE IMPORTERS
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Update**

USTR Proposes Additional Products Including More Cheeses for Tariff Countermeasures in Response to Airbus Dispute

The Office of the United States Trade Representative ([USTR](#)) [has announced](#) that it is adding 89 tariff subheadings with an approximate trade value of \$4 billion to the list published in April. This list includes 19 additional cheese HTUS subheadings detailed below to the 40 announced in April. Other dairy and meat items are added as well. While no specific tariff level is proposed at this point, USTR has said that all of the items on this list could be subject to additional ad valorem duties of up to 100 percent.

According to the [advance notice released by USTR](#), comments regarding these additional items can be submitted electronically to USTR by August 5. Another public hearing is also scheduled for August 5, with requests to appear required to be submitted by July 24. We expect the formal notice of these proceedings to be announced in the Federal Register later this week.

USTR asks that the submitted comments pertain to:

- the specific products in the additional list to be subject to increased duties;
- the level of the increase, if any, in the rate of duty; and
- whether increased duties on particular products on the additional list might have an adverse effect upon U.S. stakeholders, including small businesses and consumers.

According to the advance notice, all submissions must be in English and sent electronically via www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR-2019-0003 on the home page and click "search." The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled "comment now!"

Please let CIAA know of any statement you submit. CIAA members are strongly urged to submit statements expressing their concerns. If you have already submitted a statement you can still submit an additional statement focusing on the newly proposed cheeses added to the list. Please let CIAA know of any statement you submit. We also urge you to share your

statements with your Congressmen and Senators, urging them to also contact USTR in opposition to this proposed retaliatory action.

CIAA presented its statement at the May 15-16 hearing. In that statement we said that CIAA believes that imposition of any additional tariffs on EU cheeses fails to appropriately focus on related products for retaliatory action. Higher tariffs on cheese will not aid the US industry increase dairy exports to Europe and are more appropriately handled as part of comprehensive trade negotiations. The imposition of higher tariffs on cheeses will disrupt existing markets, rob American consumers of the ability to choose or afford the products they want, hurt importers, intermediate participants in the supply chain, retailers, and the thousands of people who work for these diverse operators.

According to the advance notice, the newly added cheese items are:

- 0406.10.44 Fresh (unripened/uncured) edam and gouda cheeses, cheese/subs for cheese cont or processed therefrom, subj to Ch4 US note 20, not GN15;
- 0406.10.48 Fresh (unripened/uncured) edam and gouda cheeses, cheese/subs for cheese cont or processed therefrom, not subj to Ch4 US note 20, not GN15;
- 0406.10.54 Fresh (unripened/uncured) Italian-type cheeses from cow milk, cheese/substitutes cont or proc therefrom, subj to Ch4 US nte 21, not GN15;
- 0406.10.58 Fresh (unripened/uncured) Italian-type cheeses from cow milk, cheese/substitutes cont or proc therefrom, not subj to Ch4 US note 21 or GN15;
- 0406.20.51 Romano, reggiano, provolone, provoletti, sbrinz and goya, made from cow's milk, grated or powdered, subject to add US note 21 to Ch.4;
- 0406.20.53 Romano, reggiano, provolone, provoletti, sbrinz and goya, made from cow's milk, grated or powdered, not subj to Ch4 US nte 21 or GN15;
- 0406.20.77 Cheese containing or processed from Italian-type cheeses made from cow's milk, grated or powdered, subject to add US note 21 to Ch. 4;
- 0406.20.79 Cheese containing or processed from Italian-type cheeses made from cow's milk, grated or powdered, not subject to add US note 21 to Ch. 4;
- 0406.20.87 Cheese (including mixtures), nesoi, n/o 0.5% by wt. of butterfat, grated or powdered, not subject to add US note 23 to Ch. 4;
- 0406.30.51 Gruyere-process cheese, processed, not grated or powdered, subject to add. US note 22 to Ch. 4;
- 0406.30.55 Processed cheeses made from sheep's milk, including mixtures of such cheeses, not grated or powdered;
- 0406.30.79 Processed cheese cont/procd from Italian-type, not grated/powdered, not subject to add US note 21 to Ch. 4, not GN15;
- 0406.30.85 Processed cheese (incl. mixtures), nesoi, n/o 0.5% by wt. butterfat, not grated or powdered, subject to Ch4 US note 23, not GN15;
- 0406.40.54 Blue-veined cheese, nesoi, in original loaves, subject to add. US note 17 to Ch. 4;
- 0406.90.16 Edam and gouda cheese, nesoi, subject to add. US note 20 to Ch. 4;
- 0406.90.41 Romano, Reggiano, Parmesan, Provolone, and Provoletti cheese, nesoi, from cow's milk, subject to add. US note 21 to Ch. 4;
- 0406.90.42 Romano, Reggiano, Parmesan, Provolone, and Provoletti cheese, nesoi, from cow's milk, not subj to GN 15 or Ch4 US note 21;
- 0406.90.43 Reggiano, Parmesan, Provolone, and Provoletti cheese, nesoi, not from cow's milk, not subject to gen. note 15; and
- 0406.90.68 Cheeses & subst. for cheese(incl. mixt.), nesoi, w/romano/reggiano/parmesan/provolone/etc, f/cow milk, not subj. Ch4 US note 21, not GN15.

Should 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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