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Update**

FAS Announces License Fee for the 2017 Tariff-Rate Quota Year

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) [announced that a fee of \\$250 will be charged for the 2017 tariff-rate quota \(TRQ\) year](#) for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States. This fee remains the same as has been charged for the [2016 TRQ](#). Full information regarding 2017 Licenses and the Surrender and Reallocation Period for 2016 Licenses can be found by clicking [here](#).

FDA Announces Extension of Compliance Dates for Various FSMA Rules

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced today that it is [extending the dates for compliance with certain provisions in four final rules issued pursuant to the Food Safety Modernization Act \(FSMA\)](#). Those rules are (1) Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food; (2) Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals; (3) Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals; and (4) Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption.

With respect to the CGMP Rule for Human Food rule and the Foreign Supplier Verification rule, compliance deadlines are extended largely for an additional two years. Table 1 in the hyperlinked rule provides:

	Previously Announced Compliance Date	Compliance Date With Extension
Human Food--§ 117.136(a)(2)(ii), (3)(ii), and (4)(ii)		
Small Business (a business (including any subsidiaries and affiliates) employing fewer than 500 full-time equivalent employees)	September 18, 2017	September 18, 2019
Business that is neither small or very small (a business (including any subsidiaries and affiliates) averaging less than \$1 million, adjusted for inflation, per year, during the 3-year period preceding the applicable calendar year in sales of human food plus the market value of human food manufactured, processed, packed or held without sale (e.g. held for a fee))	September 19, 2016	September 19, 2018
FSVP--§ 1.507(a)(2)(ii), (3)(ii), and (4)(ii)		
Latest date of:		
18 months after the publication of the final rule	May 30, 2017	May 28, 2019
Importers of food from foreign supplier subject to preventive controls regulation for human food, the preventive controls or CGMP requirements in part 507, or the produce safety regulation:	6 months after supplier is required to comply with the relevant regulations	30 months after previously announced compliance date for the relevant regulations

Table 6, Extension of Compliance Dates for Importation of Food Contact Substances Under the FSVP Regulation also provides:

	Previously Announced Earliest Compliance Date	Earliest Compliance Date With Extension
Importation of Food Contact Substances under the FSVP Regulation	May 30, 2017	May 28, 2019

FDA also announced the availability of a [draft guidance for industry entitled "Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food: Guidance for Industry."](#) This draft guidance document includes several chapters of a multi-chapter guidance intended to explain FDA's current thinking on how to comply with the requirements for hazard analysis and risk-based preventive controls under its rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food." Comments are requested by February 21, 2017.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31, 2016

Last day to Enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2016 license.

September 1, 2016

First day of 2017 license applications

September 15, 2016

Last day for licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for 2016

October 3, 2016

Last day for transmission of Surrender Unused License portion of 2016 licenses (October 1, 2016 is a Saturday)

October 15-19, 2016

SIAL Trip to Paris, France

Click [here](#) to register

October 17, 2016

Last day for transmission of all 2017 license applications (October 15, 2016 is a Saturday)

November 3, 2016

Member Meeting

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Saddle Brook Marriott, Saddle Brook, NJ

December 22, 2016 (approximately)

FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2017 licenses to licensees.

December 31, 2016

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2016 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2016 licenses are valid.

January 22, 2017

CIAA Fancy Food Show Reception

5:00 pm- 7:30 pm

Thirsty Bear Brewery

San Francisco, CA

* 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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