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Update

## Rep. Gallagher Requests that Sec. Perdue Address Section 6.25(b)

Last week, Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI-08) sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Sunny Perdue advocating for the elimination of Section 6.25(b) of the Dairy Import Licensing Program. As a reminder, Section 6.25(b) requires a license holder to forfeit historic quota if the licensee surrenders more than 50 percent of historic quota for a particular license in any three years of the prior five quota years.

In the letter, Rep. Gallagher called into question the necessity of the regulation due the Department continually suspending the provision and that Section 6.25(b) places an “undue burden on U.S. companies.” Specifically, Rep. Gallagher cited that the current regulation “does not consider fluctuations in the market such as the current COVID-19 crisis and other economic factors. Because of this, the regulation would place historical licenses in jeopardy to no fault of the holder.”

Additionally, Rep. Gallagher expressed concerned over the economic impact this provision of the import licensing program has on U.S. jobs in Wisconsin:

*Hundreds of Americans in my state are employed by companies that are historical license importers. Historical licensees’ long-term investments in affinage, product promotion, and supply and distribution chain development are substantial. Reducing their ability to diversify their*

*product lines will result in a disruption of their business and ultimately, a reduction of jobs.*

CIAA thanks all members that assisted with this effort by sending letters to Rep. Gallagher's staff, as well as the member companies with a Wisconsin presence and Executive Committee that recently participated in a virtual meeting with Rep. Gallagher. Specifically, CIAA thanks the following companies that they are aware of their participation in their effort:

- Atalanta Corporation
- Emmi Roth USA Inc.
- Great Lakes Cheese
- MCT Dairies, Inc.
- Ornu North America
- Saputo Cheese USA, Inc.
- Schreiber Foods
- Schuman Cheese
- The Peterson Company

Any members that would like to thank Rep. Gallagher for his support in advocating for the elimination of Section 6.25(b), please email Will Smithers, [Will.Smethers@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.Smethers@mail.house.gov), to voice your appreciation.

CIAA is working with other Members of Congress and hope that more letters may be sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on this important issue.

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## Dates to Remember

### **AUGUST 31, 2020**

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2021 license.

### **SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

First day of license eligibility period for next quota year-plus one. Example: entries made on or after September 1, 2020 can be used to establish eligibility for a license for calendar year 2022.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

Last date to request globalization of a calendar year 2020 license. First transmission date for applications for reallocated license amounts for calendar year 2020. First transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2021 licenses.

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

Last transmission date for licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for calendar year 2020.

**OCTOBER 1, 2020**

Last transmission date for licensees to surrender all or the unused portion of their calendar year 2020 licenses.

**OCTOBER 15, 2020**

(no exceptions!) Last transmission date for all applications for calendar year 2021 licenses.

**OCTOBER 31, 2020**

Exporting countries that are designating U.S. importers for calendar year 2021 must submit their designations to FAS by this date.

**DECEMBER 20, 2020**

(approximately) FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2021 licenses to licensees.

**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2020 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2020 licenses are valid.

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