



**CHEESE IMPORTERS
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Update**

U.S. Trade Representative Announces EU Goods Subject to Additional Duties

On October 3, 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) released a list of various European goods, (including aircraft, certain textiles and wearing apparel, hardware, cheeses, and other agricultural goods), that will be subject to additional duties due the ongoing Large Civil Aircraft dispute with the European Union (EU). The sections of that list specific to cheeses are provided [here](#). USTR anticipates that these duties will go into effect on October 18, 2019.

Airplanes and aircraft on the list are subject to an additional 10 percent duty. All other goods on the list (including cheeses) will be subject to an additional 25% duty. Significantly, the additional duties will apply to cheeses imported under specific tariff subheadings from specific EU countries. They do not apply to all cheeses imported from all countries in the EU.

This list was announced following a World Trade Organization (WTO) Arbitrator's decision on October 2, 2019 that permits the U.S. to levy retaliatory tariffs on approximately \$7.5 billion worth of European goods exported to the U.S. The WTO has yet to formally adopt the Arbitrator's decision. However, a special meeting has been called for October 14, 2019 in that regard and we believe that adopting this decision will be a mere formality.

In the coming days, USTR will publish the final list in the Federal Register. At this time, USTR has not publically stated how it will treat goods that are currently in transit to the U.S. (i.e., goods on the water), but USTR has shared with CIAA that the tariffs will apply to any goods that have not cleared customs by October 18, 2019. Also, we do not yet know whether an exclusion process will be permitted for goods subject to these tariffs.

We will continue to keep you updated as more information is provided by USTR regarding these duties. If you have questions, please contact the Husch Blackwell team at CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com

Dates to Remember

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

January 19, 2020

Winter Fancy Food Show Reception
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Thirsty Bear Organic Brewery
San Francisco, CA

May 1, 2020

Member Meeting
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Saddle Brook Marriott
Saddle Brook, NJ

May 1, 2020

Annual CIAA Dinner Dance
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Liberty House
Jersey City, 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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