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Application of UK Licenses for 2021 Dairy Import Licensing Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture-Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS) has shared a pre-publication of a Federal Register [Notice](#) regarding the issuance of designated dairy import licenses for the products from the United Kingdom for the 2021 license year. USDA-FAS's position on designated licenses is consistent with the update FAS sent on September 11, 2020 to license holders, which notified dairy importers that members applying for licenses covering products from the United Kingdom should apply for those licenses as EU27 licenses.

Based on the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the European Commission (EC) notified the United States that "that it no longer has the authority to designate importers on behalf of UK exporters for trade transactions that will occur after December 31, 2020."

Based on this and the requests of the UK and the EU, the U.S. is allowing the UK government to "designate importers for licenses for the quantities of cheese that have historically been supplied by UK exporters under designated licenses" for the 2021 quota year. The designations may be made as follows:

- The UK will designate importers for the following three commodities for no more than the specified quantities:
 - Cheese and Curd (Note 16) in the amount of 73,165kg for the Tokyo Round and 277,403 kg for the Uruguay Round;
 - Blue Mold (Note 17) in the amount of 2,905 kg for the Uruguay Round; and
 - Cheddar (Note 18) in the amount of 716,520 kg for the Uruguay Round;

- The EU will designate importers for these three commodities for no more than the specified quantities:
 - Cheese and Curd (Note 16) in the amount of 835,712 kg for the Tokyo Round and 3,168,597 kg for the Uruguay Round;
 - Blue Mold (Note 17) in the amount of 347,095 kg for the Uruguay Round; and
 - Cheddar (Note 18) in the amount of 333,480 kg for the Uruguay Round; and
- For all other cheese TRQs, the EU will designate importers for the entire quantity available for designated licenses allocated to the EU-27 on behalf of EU exporters.

Should you have any questions regarding this alert, contact the Husch Blackwell LLP team at CIAAGeneralCounsel@huschblackwell.com.

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Dates to Remember

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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