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USTR to Begin Reconsideration of GSP for Argentina

United States Trade Representative Michael Froman, Argentina's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Susana Malcorra, and Minister of Production, Francisco Cabrera, yesterday jointly led the inaugural meeting of the United States-Argentina Council on Trade and Investment (Council).

During this meeting, the United States and Argentina agreed to establish an Innovation and Creativity Forum for Economic Development to discuss issues of mutual interest, including geographical indications, industrial designs, and the importance of intellectual property protections for small- and medium-sized enterprises. It was agreed that the first meeting of the Forum will take place in early December in Buenos Aires.

The Government of Argentina has requested that the United States consider re-designating Argentina as a beneficiary developing country for the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. Argentina had been suspended from the U.S GSP in 2012. Ambassador Froman announced that the USTR will initiate a public review process to determine whether Argentina meets the GSP eligibility criteria.

The next meeting of the Council is planned for 2017 in Washington, DC. We will continue to provide information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Szemraj at rszemraj@theciaa.org or (202) 789-1212.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10-11, 2016

FSMA Training: Preventive Controls for Human Food
Saddle Brook Marriott
Saddle Brook, NJ

December 21, 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

March 1, 2017 (approximately)

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

March 15, 2017

The license fee for each license issued is due and payable in full no later than March 15 of the year for which the license is issued. Licenses issued after March 15 of any quota year are payable in full no later than 10 days from the date of issuance. Fee payments are payable to the Treasurer of the United States and shall be made solely utilizing the electronic software designated for the purpose by the Licensing Authority.

May 1, 2017

Calendar year 2017 license fee payments must be transmitted no later than this date. Last transmission date for a licensee to notify FAS that it will not accept a calendar year 2017 license.

May 4, 2017

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

May 5, 2017

CIAA Dinner Dance
Macaluso's, Hawthorne, NJ

July 1, 2017

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2017 to notify FAS.

August 31, 2017

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2017 license.

* 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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