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Washington Update

Cheese Importers Association of America

November 10, 2020 | Member Meeting

2020 Election Results

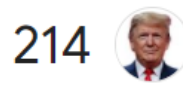
Joe Biden



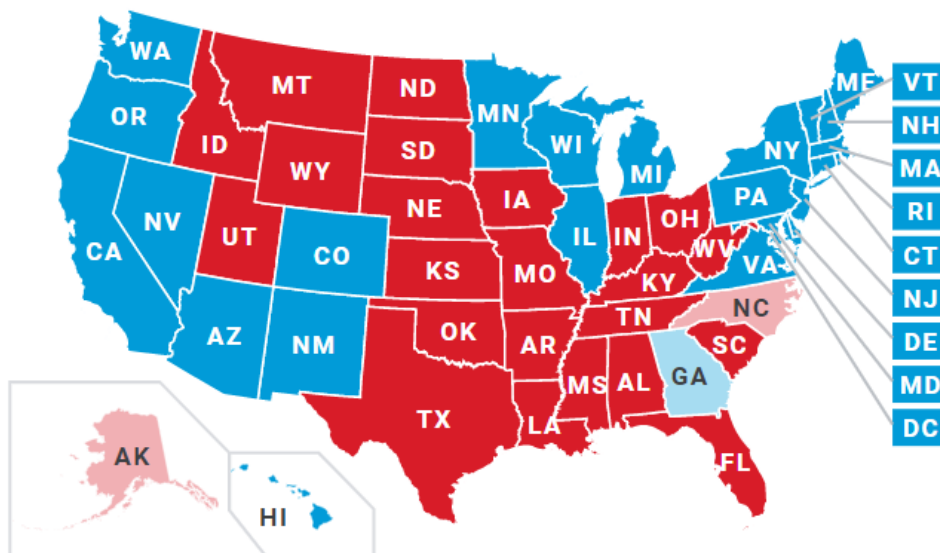
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270 to win

Donald Trump



214



■ Won ■ Leads

What to expect in a Biden Presidency:

- More stability and predictability
- Initial focus on managing COVID-19
- Work more with WTO and allies on China

What not to expect:

- Trade to be an initial priority
- A quick end to the Large Civil Aircraft Dispute

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Image source: Associated Press

Rumored Names Under Consideration for Officials Important to CIAA

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- Heidi Heitkamp, former North Dakota Senator
- Rep. Marica Fudge, Congresswoman from Ohio
- Rep. Cheri Bustos, Congresswoman from Illinois

Health and Human Services

- Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico
- Dr. Vivek Murthy, former U.S. Surgeon General
- Dr. Mandy Cohen, North Carolina Secretary of Health

U.S. Trade Representative

- Rep. Jimmy Gomez, Congressman from California
- Nelson Cunningham, former White House Special Advisor on Western Hemisphere Affairs
- Jennifer Hillman, Senior Fellow for trade and international political economy at the Council on Foreign Relations, former member of WTO Appellate Body, former commissioner at US ITC, and former general counsel at USTR
- Darci Vetter, former Chief Agricultural Negotiator, USTR

Department of Commerce

- Meg Whitman, CEO of Quibi
- Terry McAuliffe, former Governor of Virginia and chair of DNC
- Mellody Hobson, President and co-CEO of Ariel Investments

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Congressional Election Results

U.S. Senate

Democratic Party

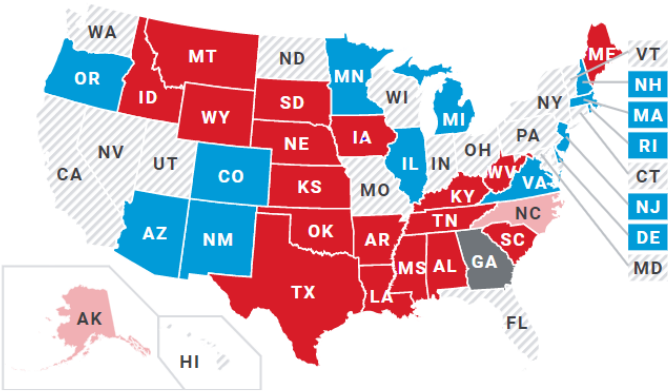
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51 for majority

Republican Party

48 

Other parties have 2 seats



■ Won ■ Leads ■ Runoff ■ No election

U.S. House of Representatives

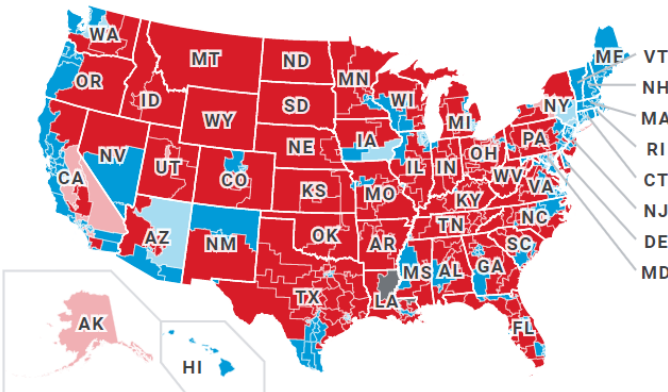
Democratic Party

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218 for majority

Republican Party

196 



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Section 301 Large Civil Aircraft Tariffs Update

- Since October 18, 2019, a variety of goods imported from EU, including a number of cheeses and dairy products, have been hit with 25% additional tariffs due to the Large Civil Aircraft dispute
- There have been two reviews of the list of impacted goods in February 2020 and August 2020
 - Certain Greek cheeses, including feta, removed from list in August 2020 review, no additional dairy products have been added since the initial list was announced
 - Next review is due in February 2020 – we anticipate any new goods added to the list to go into effect around the first week of March
- CIAA has submitted comments during each review and met with USTR, USDA and Members of Congress to discuss impact on membership and food industry and calling for removal of the tariffs
- EU announced implementation of tariffs against US goods, in amount up to \$4 Billion, on November 9, 2020

FAIR Tariff Act & Other Section 301 LCA Efforts

- Reps. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Jodey Arrington (R-TX) introduced the FAIR TARIFF Act, which would refund the Section 301 duties related to the large civil aircraft (Airbus) dispute with the European Union paid on goods exported on or before Oct. 9 but arrived Oct. 18 or later
 - Interest expressed recently by members of House of Representatives to include in must pass legislation this year, but the bill's fate in the Senate is still currently unclear
- CIAA has been asked to join the Coalition Against the Restaurant Tariffs which bring together supplier and restaurants to lobby the Administration and Congress to remove the Section 301 Large Civil Aircraft tariffs
- CIAA working on a joint letter with the European Dairy Association to the Biden Transition Team and European Commission regarding the Large Civil Aircraft dispute and calling for end to tariffs



Brexit and U.S.-UK Free Trade Agreement

Brexit

- EU and UK still negotiating on a trade agreement
- Main sticking points have been fishing quotas and competition issues
- PM Boris Johnson has said that the UK is prepared to go forward without an agreement with the EU
- If no agreement by January 1, 2021, trade between the EU and UK would default to WTO rules and the proposed quota allocations from 2018 would go into effect
- While this does not impact the break outs for 2021 license allocations, CIAA will continue to monitor for 2022 license year

U.S.-UK FTA

- Fifth round of negotiations started with UK a few weeks ago
- Expect agricultural issues to be sticking points
- Do not expect this FTA to be a priority for Biden Administration

Section 6.25(b)

- Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8) sent a letter to USDA-FAS asking for indefinite suspension of Section 6.25(b) in August 2020
- CIAA working with other members of CIAA core delegation for a similar letter sent to USDA-FAS
- CIAA has had numerous conversations with USDA-FAS regarding elimination of Section 6.2(b) and hopefully this will be addressed by agency in a forthcoming rulemaking
- USDA-FAS has shared that this is still a priority issue for the agency to address
- CIAA also discussing other ways to ensure 2019 and 2020 license years may not have impact on license eligibility should Section 6.25(b) go in effect in 2023

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