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Update

President-Elect Biden Announces Key Political Appointees for Cheese Importers, Congress Funds Government until December 18, 2020

President-Elect Biden [has announced](#) several political appointees that have oversight over governmental agencies important to CIAA members.

- **U.S. Department of Agriculture – [Sec. Tom Vilsack](#).** Sec. Vilsack has served as president and CEO of the US Dairy Export Council since January 2017. Prior to joining USDEC, Sec. Vilsack served as Secretary of Agriculture under President Barack Obama from Jan. 20, 2009 through Jan. 13, 2017. Prior to serving as Secretary of Agriculture, Sec. Vilsack served two terms as the governor of Iowa, in the Iowa State Senate and as the mayor of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
- **U.S. Trade Representative – [Katherine Tai](#).** Currently, Tai serves as the chief legal counsel on trade to the House Ways and Means Committee. Prior to the committee, Tai served in the USTR's Office of the General Counsel, first as associate general counsel from 2007 to 2011 and then as chief counsel for China Trade Enforcement with responsibility for the development and litigation of US disputes against China at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

These individuals will not be presented for confirmation by the Senate until after the presidential inauguration in January 2021. We will continue to update members as key political appointees are named and confirmed to their positions in the Biden Administration.

Congress Passes Stop-Gap Funding Bill

The House of Representatives and Senate have agreed to a short-term, stop-gap bill to fund the government for another week. This provides lawmakers time to reach

agreement on a new coronavirus relief bill and a \$1.4 trillion omnibus spending package. Lawmakers have funded the government through December 18, 2020.

We will continue to monitor developments on federal governmental funding as well as the new coronavirus relief bill.

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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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