

ARTICLES SUBJECT TO: APPENDIX 1, HISTORICAL LICENSES; APPENDIX 2 NON-HISTORICAL LICENSES; AND APPENDIX 3 AND 4, DESIGNATED IMPORTERS LICENSES FOR QUOTA YEAR 2018—Continued
[Quantities in kilograms]

Non-cheese articles	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	Sum of Appendix 1&2	Appendix 3 Tokyo Round	Appendix 4 Uruguay Round	Grand total
EU-27	9,775,290	6,701,538	16,476,828	4,003,172	2,420,000	22,900,000
Iceland	0	149,999	149,999	150,001	.....	300,000
Israel	27,000	0	27,000	.....	.....	27,000
Norway	2,285,329	1,369,981	3,655,310	3,227,690	.....	6,883,000
Switzerland	759,369	924,736	1,684,105	1,745,895	200,000	3,630,000
Other Countries	48,253	37,023	85,276	.....	.....	85,276
TOTAL: CHEESE ARTICLES	52,013,741	35,886,902	87,900,643	22,764,145	24,921,000	135,585,788
TOTAL: CHEESE & NON-CHEESE	56,316,975	53,448,449	109,765,424	22,764,145	24,921,000	157,450,569

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2019 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a fee of \$300 to be charged for the 2019 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States.

DATES: August 28, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Abdelsalam El-Farra, Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.36 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles that are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff-rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the

license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of such licenses is monitored by the Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to defray the Department of Agriculture's costs of administering the licensing system under this regulation.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2019 calendar year.

Notice: The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system for 2019 has been estimated to be \$749,300.00 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,500. Of the total cost, \$479,200.00 represents staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system, and \$270,100.00 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, postage, publications, forms, and Automatic Data Processing (ADP) system support.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2019 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$300 per license.

Issued at Washington, DC, the 6th day of July 2018.

Ronald Lord,
Licensing Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Stakeholder Listening Opportunity for Priorities in Research, Education and Extension

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of listening sessions and stakeholder feedback opportunities.

SUMMARY: USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture announces its stakeholder listening initiative "NIFA Listens: Investing in Science to Transform Lives." This stakeholder listening opportunity informs the research, extension and education priorities of NIFA, which has the mission of investing in and advancing agricultural research, education and extension to solve societal challenges. For the purpose of this opportunity, *Agriculture* is defined broadly and includes research, extension, and education in food, fiber, forestry, range, nutritional and social sciences, including food safety and positive youth development. NIFA's investments in transformative science directly support the long-term prosperity and global pre-eminence of U.S. agriculture. This listening opportunity allows stakeholders to provide feedback on the following questions: "When considering all of agriculture, what is the greatest challenge that should be addressed through NIFA's research, education, and extension?" "In your field, what is the most-needed breakthrough in science/technology that would advance your agricultural enterprise?" and, "What is your top priority in food and agricultural research, extension, or education that NIFA should address?"

This effort to obtain input regarding the challenges, needed breakthroughs, and priorities will be carried out through online and in-person